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Health teams may help solve area's need for more doctors

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Minden has not had any luck in convincing the provincial government to fund a Community Health Centre but may have a second shot at medical professionals during the deployment of new Family Health Teams.

The teams are the newest initiative from the Ministry of Health. Minister George Smitherman announced this week the province will approve the creation of 45 new Family Health Teams by March next year.

Smitherman told the press Ontarians are going to be provided with groups of health care professionals who will work together to deliver comprehensive care in communities where they are needed. He also said the teams will work not only on treating illness but on prevention and promotion of good health.

The competition will be intense for the first 45 teams. More than 100 communities have already asked for one, says Keith Sansford, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Chief Administrative Officer.

The government has announced its intention to create 150 teams

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Darren Lum/TIMES

More pie, Principal?

Principal Rick Thorne got a face full of pie courtesy of the top magazines sellers at a school assembly at Archie Stouffer Elementary last Friday afternoon ... apparently the kids didn't cheer, clap, hoot, holler or jump up and down when the principal met his fate on a plate! For more photos, see page 14.

New age rule a challenge for schools

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Keeping students in school until the age of 18 is going to be the greatest challenge in the year ahead, says Bob Orr.

Orr was re-elected as chair by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board on Tuesday night. This is Orr's second year as chair and 18 year as an elected trustee. He says some issues are consistent like trying to improve students' numeracy and litera-

cy skills.

Truancy became provincial education's hot potato when Premier Dalton McGuinty announced during a press conference in early November his intention to legally order teens to stay in the education system. Orr says the provincial government has also indicated a willingness to invest significant dollars to make more programs available to students who are not willing to stay in traditional classrooms.

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Police seek ATVer

Driver ran
into woman
then fled scene

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment are investigating an incident in which an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) struck a woman. The incident occurred on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3:30 p.m.

The woman was walking on her property off County Road #15 near Wilberforce when she confronted the driver of an ATV that was trespassing. The driver of the ATV had stopped in front of the woman and the two began having words. The ATV then accelerated and struck the woman, knocking her to the ground. The driver of the ATV then fled the scene on foot. The woman received minor injuries as a result of the incident.

Officers were assisted by Canine units and Emergency Response Units in an attempt to locate the suspect. The area was searched but the suspect was not located. The driver is described as male, 6' slim build, wearing a blue/grey 3/4 length jacket and black helmet. The ATV, a Yamaha FTX, blue-pink in colour, was recovered at the scene.

Officers believe this ATV may also have been involved in a fail-to-remain accident that occurred on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 near the Royal Canadian Legion on County Road #15 in Wilberforce. In this incident an ATV with a similar description struck a minivan parked near the Legion. The ATV fled the scene northbound on County Rd. #15.

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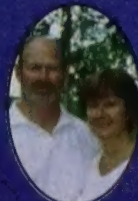
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New initiative may help Minden attract new doctors

Taking a team approach could help solve local shortage

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over the next four years. Each team will consist of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health service providers and other health practitioners that will be mandated to provide service seven days a week. In larger centers these teams may also provide diagnostic and outpatient services such as X-ray, ultrasound and minor surgery.

Sansford says that since much of the information required to apply for a Family Health Team has been compiled for the application for a Community Health Centre, they are confident in making the application deadline. He says the ministry has indicated they are looking for established partnerships between hospitals, Health Units, long-term care facilities, access centers and other voluntary organizations. Sansford says he is in the process of meeting with or establishing meetings with these potential partners.

"This is a new delivery model in Ontario and the idea is still maturing. This is a really important issue to us. We don't have a lot of details yet," says Sansford.

Information provided by the ministry suggests the teams will have a very broad mandate ranging from primary services to radiology, pediatrics, and laboratory services. Physicians will not be compensated on a fee-for-service basis. The team members will be compensated based on other existing models, ministry press releases say, such as the salaried compensation models used by existing Community Health Centres.

At the time of the interview Sansford was planning to attend an information workshop on Thursday night. Sansford says he is hoping they will come out of the workshop with a template as to how to apply for a new team.

"We have a vibrant medical service. We have space and capacity to house additional staff in Minden. We're hoping our concerted efforts

will improve our chances (of getting a team). We're really anxious to move forward to respond to the medical needs of the county and other needs around issues like rehabilitation services," says Sansford.

An application by HHHS was made for a Community Health Centre more than three years ago and then the application was updated but Sansford says they still have not had a response from the province. He says the ministry has not made it clear whether or not the new teams will be deployed instead of creating new health centres but Sansford says it does not actually make any difference so long as primary health care is improved.

"We're really anxious to move forward to respond to the medical needs of the county and other needs around issues like rehabilitation services"

KEITH SANSFORD

Practical courses may help board meet new rules on dropout age

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"We have to do something about the rising drop out rate. It's not just a problem in our board but across the province," says Orr.

In Ontario students are legally required to stay in the education system until the age of 16 and then approximately 30 per cent of students drop out. New Brunswick raised the age limit to 18 in 1999 and Alberta raised the bar to 17 last year.

Orr says the board will examine how to expand apprenticeships, programs at the Learning Centres, or virtual learning courses. He explained students have a lot more options than just sitting at a desk in a high school classroom.

"We want to help students get jobs when they leave school. We want them to be able to list their accomplishments. Co-operative education is very important in giving them so experience in the workforce," says Orr.

He added the board is the first in the province to appoint someone to a skilled trades and apprenticeship committee. The board has expanded the number of opportunities available in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and Orr says they are working on a program called Pathways that is trying to ensure practical course work and hands on opportunities for students heading straight to the workforce after high school.

The board of trustees also elected local trustee Valerie Smith as vice-chair. Smith is from Harcourt, has served on the board for several years and has an extensive background in education. She is currently working on transportation and nutrition issues but is well known for being a hard committee worker and conscientious trustee on a variety of issues.

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Prey or predator?

In the grand scheme of things, it's always better to be the latter

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Stewardship Series "Predator-Prey Relationships" which was held at the Kinark Outdoor Centre earlier this fall enjoyed the highest turnout of any workshop this season. The large hall at the centre was filled with people eager to hear the three speakers.

Dr. Brent Patterson, a Ministry of Natural Resources research scientist, talked about wolf-prey relationships in Central Ontario; retired MNR field biologist Mike Wilton of Algonquin Eco Watch spoke about black bears; and Matt Lieberknecht of the Central Ontario School of Falconry conducted a birds of prey demonstration.

Jim McHardy, manager of the Kinark Outdoor Centre, termed the workshop "excellent." He said the turnout was far greater than expected. Previous workshops have attracted as many as 50 participants, but the one on predator-prey relationships lured about 70.

McHardy credits the quality of the speakers and the interesting topic for the good turnout. "There are a lot of information gaps regarding bears and wolves," he said. "They are relevant topics to Haliburton County — a good fit," he said.

Jennifer Card, stewardship co-ordinator with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, was pleased with the response. "Mike and Brent are both good speakers and Matt is so passionate about his birds," she said, adding that the actual presence of the birds of prey at the demonstration was appealing to the participants.

Card said the wolf presentation is always

interesting because the research is always progressing.

Wolves

Patterson noted that the original grey wolf that inhabited much of this area was larger and fed on moose, caribou and elk. With the colonization of the area, the smaller eastern wolf replaced its larger cousin. The smaller wolves feed mostly on deer.

When deer numbers are high, wolves prey primarily on vulnerable animals but when the prey species population is low, they feed on healthy animals as well.

Studies have shown that, when hunting pressure on the deer population decreases, wolf predation has a corresponding increase and deer mortality remains about the same.

Patterson outlined the various methods biologists use to determine the diet of area wolves and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Scat and stomach content analysis are the most effective, but the stomach contents are usually only available through participating trappers.

Radio tracking of wolves is effective in finding kill sites but is expensive. Patterson said that when a wolf pack remains in one area for an extended period of time it is an indication that the wolves have made a kill. By recording the location with global positioning systems (GPS), biologists can visit the site to determine what the wolves were feeding on.

"It requires intense monitoring and it is very expensive to catch and collar wolves," Patterson said.

Experimental manipulation is another method of determining what wolves eat.

This is done by defining four similar areas, removing a number of wolves from two of those areas and leaving the other two unchanged and comparing statistics after a specified time.

Removing wolves means killing them, he explained when asked by a member of the audience. He said this method has been used in other areas, mainly in the far north, but has never been used in this area. He said it is not a method that would be used here, for various reasons, one of which would be public opposition.

Patterson said the wolf population's growth curve very closely corresponds to the deer population.

Patterson said predation does have an impact on deer populations but it also depends on other factors such as hunting and winter severity.

The average male eastern wolf is between 60 and 65 pounds but some collared specimens have reached 86 pounds.

"In many cases, you get a prey increase when predators are removed," Patterson said. "But as soon as you stop controlling predators, prey populations tend to move back to the minimum population curve."

Wolves rely on ungulate prey such as deer. "They can't live for any length of time without ungulates, contrary to the book *Never Cry Wolf*," Patterson said. "The eastern wolf is dependent on deer."

Bears

Mike Wilton told the group that he couldn't talk about bears without talking about moose and deer as well. He admitted that his presentation would contain "some gore, but that's the way nature is."

He started off with an interesting observation. It confirmed that bears are predators of moose calves. He noted that digestive tracts of some bears that were harvested contained moose calf eyeballs. "Until that time, it was generally believed that bears weren't really predators but were scavengers," Wilton said. "Bears can be serious predators. They feed on moose calves in Algonquin Park."

Wilton cited a study in Colorado where bears were live-trapped and moved. This resulted in an increase in elk calf survival.

Wilton said he is a great believer in anecdotal information as opposed to statistical. He believes in the importance of information provided by people in the field such as hunters and trappers.

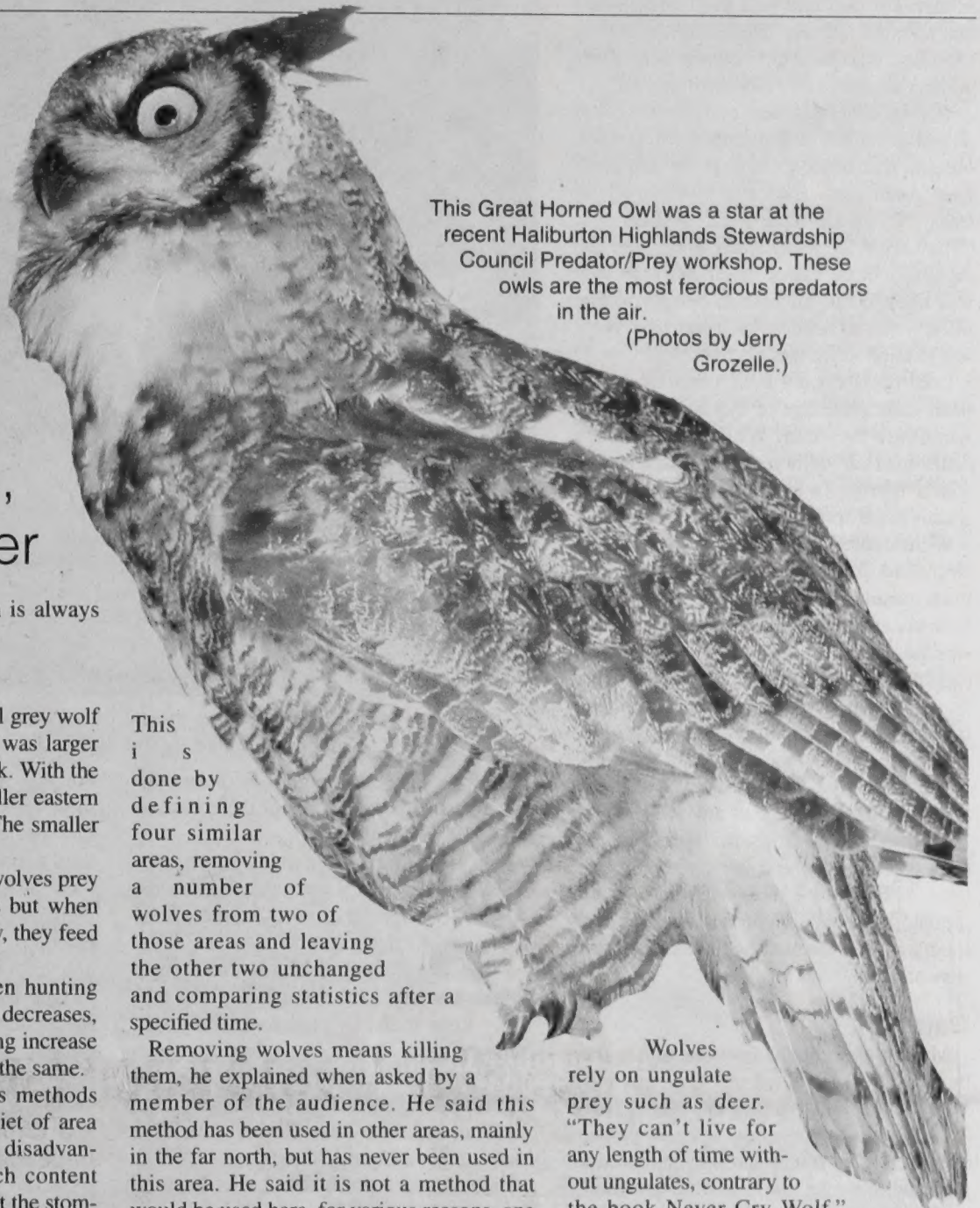
A study with a captive bear revealed that the hair from animals they eat passed through its system in as little as two hours. "And they talk about shit through a goose," he exclaimed, which drew a laugh from the audience. He noted that beads placed in the bear's food took 16 hours to make the transition through its digestive system.

Bears have been known to kill and feed on humans, but it is very rare. Wilton said there are only 27 recorded cases in North America. The killer bears, he noted, are always big males, 250 pounds or larger.

As part of his research on bears, as many as 14 bruins were radio collared and tracked by aircraft and on the ground with direction-

This Great Horned Owl was a star at the recent Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council Predator/Prey workshop. These owls are the most ferocious predators in the air.

(Photos by Jerry Grozelle.)



MNR research scientist Brent Patterson enlightened an audience of almost 70 people about the relationship between wolves and their main food source, the white-tailed deer.

Bears more scavengers than predators

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al antennas. Researchers were able to track the movements of bears as well as determine where and how they dened for the winter. He said many of the female bears and cubs are already dened by the end of October. Males often remain active for another month before hibernating.

Wilton observed that male bears often den in proximity to a clump of birch trees. He said that bears seem to know that birch trees often grow from the stumps of pine trees. "Bears are intelligent," Wilton said. "They seem to instinctively know that the digging will be easier." He noted that they will often break off balsam boughs to line the den and he believes the bears have comfort in mind when they do that.

Like their brown bear cousins, black bears take advantage of fish spawning runs whenever they can. While brown black bears feed on salmon, black bears can be found fishing in streams where suckers spawn in the spring.

Wilton noted that bears are omnivorous. He talked about the various food sources, from grasses and tree buds in the spring to berries, fruit and acorns throughout the summer and into the fall, with flesh and carrion as they are available throughout the spring, summer and fall. "Bears will actually flock to areas with good mast crops - oak and beech," he said.

Bears are food driven. They live to eat and will take advantage of any food source. He noted that dumps provide an easy source of food, which is why they attract bears. "Bears are scavengers first and predators second," Wilton said. "An easy food source is frequently visited. Bears are very habitual."

Raptors

Matt Lieberknecht brought along four birds of prey. He noted that the birds must be fat and healthy or they die very quickly. "When wild raptors show up near humans they are either young and inexperienced or sick and starving," he said. The proximity to humans is usually because of an easier food source.

"Raptors will take any type of prey they can handle," Lieberknecht said. That includes small mammals, insects, snakes and other reptiles and amphibians.



Matt Lieberknecht's barn owl was the hit of the demonstration during the Predator-Prey Relationships session hosted by the Stewardship Council.

The first bird he brought out of its cage was a kestrel. The lifespan of these birds is five to 10 years.

The main diet of kestrels is insects, including dragonflies and crickets. But they will also eat mice and moles, snakes, frogs and toads. Kestrels nest in holes made by woodpeckers. Young kestrels are drab in colour so they are camouflaged and less likely to be found by predators. The young birds grow very fast, often gaining as much as 15 grams per day. "They have super fast digestion," he said. "They have very high metabolism. They eat almost their own body weight every day."

Lieberknecht pointed out that kestrels feed during the day. They use their talons to kill their prey. Small birds such as sparrows and starlings are often caught in the air.

Lieberknecht fed the kestrel a mouse, which it gulped down headfirst.

The second raptor Lieberknecht brought

out was a great horned owl. "This is the most ferocious bird in Ontario," he said of the species. He said the females are one third to one half larger than the males.

Great horned owls feed on prey up to their own size, including rabbits, skunks, raccoons, beavers, ducks and geese. "They are very aggressive," Lieberknecht said. "Their talons are one and a half to two inches long and they will attack humans." He said the size of their talons is an indication of how big an animal or bird they can take.

Great horned owls have no sense of smell, which explains why they eat skunks. "Their eyes and ears are incredible," Lieberknecht said. They hunt by zeroing in on their prey's movements and the sounds they make. "Their flight is absolutely silent." They grab their prey by the head and their talons pierce the skull, killing it very quickly. "They are capable of swallowing a rabbit whole," Lieberknecht said. He said they will take cats and even small dogs. "They can be cannibalistic when prey is scarce," he said.

The star of Lieberknecht's show was a European barn owl, which is similar to the

North American variety.

Lieberknecht said the North American barn owl has suffered a dramatic decline in numbers in recent years. He said it is because the availability of open barns has decreased. Older barns had plenty of openings that provided barn owls with access to the interiors where they nested on beams. Newer barns, because of insurance requirements, offer little or no access for barn owls and because of that, he says, "insurance companies are killing barn owls."

These owls are primarily rodent eaters. Lieberknecht estimates that 95 per cent of their diet is rodents. They hunt mostly in open fields at night. "Their hearing is incredible," he said. "They move their heads to home in on the sounds of prey. Their facial disc amplifies the sounds."

The decline of the barn owl is unfortunate in that they consume their own weight, mostly in rodents (mice and rats) each night. That adds up to a lot of mice over the course of an owl's lifetime.

Barn owls are found worldwide.

The final raptor of the four brought to the workshop is the most abundant of all in Canada, the redtailed hawk.

Rodents are a favourite prey, but these hawks will take squirrels, snakes, ducks and any other bird, amphibian, reptile or mammal that offers an easy meal.

Redtailed hawks can grow quite large, with females getting as big as four to five pounds, with a wingspan of four to five feet. Compared to other raptors, the redtail has a very slow metabolism. It has broad, rounded wings which are suited to soaring. It will go to the food source and often feeds on road-killed animals and birds. The redtail is in the same family as the turkey vulture. The redtail's survival, Lieberknecht says, is dependent on prey.

The Predator and Prey workshop was the last of the series for the calendar year. A maple syrup workshop is scheduled for Friday, February 18. The Club 35 building on Highway 35 at Halls Lake will be the base and participants will go to the nearby property of Jim Ames to see his maple syrup making operation.

She suggests anyone interested in participating in the maple syrup session should register soon. Jennifer Card can be contacted by calling the Bancroft office of the MNR at 613-332-3940, extension 260 or by e-mail at jennifer.card@mnr.gov.on.ca.

Several suggestions for future topics were received and Card said plans for the 2005-06 schedule should be well under way by the end of January.

The 2005-06 sessions will begin next summer.

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The Minden Food Bank was the winner of the Ontario Provincial Police Association local district's draw and received a cash donation of \$263 plus an additional contribution of food with an estimated value of at least \$300. Detective Rob Orlowski of the Minden Detachment explained that the Association's annual meeting attendees are asked to bring food items or donate cash to the food bank draw. This is the second time a Haliburton County food bank has won the draw from among 21 food banks within the district, including Peterborough, Northumberland, City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County. On hand for the presentation were OPPA Director Sergeant Harry Baranik, OPPA Haliburton Highlands Representative Detective Rob Orlowski and Food Bank representatives Barb Walford-Davis and Mary Hicks. The OPP will be holding its annual "Fill A Cruiser With Food" campaign in Haliburton at the IGA from 10 a.m. to noon and at the Valu-mart from noon to 2 p.m. on December 20 and in Minden on December 2, with opposite times for the same two grocery stores.

Delta Pinestone offers free rooms for families

Capturing the true spirit of giving, Delta Pinestone Resort's annual program, A Home for the Holidays, will offer complimentary accommodation to out-of-town families caring for hospitalized relatives.

Again this year, Delta Pinestone Resort will partner with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services offering free rooms between December 19 and January 9. Both the Minden and Haliburton hospital locations may participate in this program.

"Through A Home for the Holidays, Delta Pinestone Resort can give families the comfort of a home away from home while they care for a loved one in hospital," says Scott de Savoye, general manager of Delta Pinestone Resort.

Those who wish to participate in A Home for the Holidays may apply directly through the HHHS. The hospital's program administrator will then make reservations for qualified visitors with the hotel. A limited number of rooms are

available.

Delta Pinestone Resort has participated in a number of community projects, including Adopt-a-Highway, Fleming College's Feast of Foods and support of the annual Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Rotary Charity Golf Classic golf tournament.

A Home for the Holidays, which has assisted thousands of families since it was launched in 1990, is a core element of Delta Cares, Delta's community relations program. Each year, the 7,500 employees of Delta Hotels support a number of charitable projects through Delta Cares by taking part in various initiatives. These include activities benefiting Delta's national charity, Special Olympics Canada, and supporting Adopt-a-Shelter, a joint program with Fairmont Hotels & Resorts and the Canadian Women's Foundation that partners hotels with local women's shelters.

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Merry Christmas

How could anyone consider the greeting "Merry Christmas" offensive? It's not as if anyone uttering those words is trying to convert a non-Christian to Christianity or force his or her beliefs on anyone. It is merely a greeting, indicating that the greeter is in the Christmas spirit. For many, the Christmas season is a time of giving; a time for enjoying the company of family and friends; turkey dinners; sending cards; Santa Claus; and parties. Religion, to some, doesn't play a big role in the Christmas season. Others celebrate the birth of Jesus as a solemn occasion. It is a matter of personal choice.

The fact that someone wishes you a Merry Christmas doesn't mean he or she is a religious fanatic or the greeting is meant to offend anyone.

Canada is a country of great tolerance. The majority of Canadians just want to get along with our neighbours, whether we have the same beliefs or not. To complain that the Christmas season is offensive may be an indication that the complainer has far too much time to dream up ways to be offended.

Even those of us who don't particularly like Christmas carols are willing to tolerate them because there are a great many people who do enjoy them.

In an attempt to be politically correct, some people and organizations avoid references to Christmas because someone might be offended. Season's greetings, festive tree and holiday dinner just don't apply. There is something wrong if we can't say the City of Toronto is putting up a Christmas Tree in Nathan Phillips Square because it might offend someone. Governments, businesses, organizations and individuals shouldn't feel obligated to cater to the easily offended.

Non-believers are welcome to ignore the Christmas season and celebrate their own beliefs as they wish. But don't try to tell the rest of us that we can't overtly celebrate Christmas as we see fit.

We will all get along better if we can respect each other's beliefs, customs and celebrations. We don't have to share or embrace those beliefs, but as long as nobody tries to foist unwanted ideals on anyone else, there is no reason to be offended.

So, at this time of year, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah (which is celebrated from December 8 to 15).

Drive sober

With the Christmas season upon us, it's time for parties and get-togethers with family and friends. That often means a few libations are enjoyed. It has been said many times before, but is worth repeating – Don't drink and drive!

The OPP RIDE program is in effect for the next few weeks and we sincerely hope that everyone who has few too many is lucky enough to encounter a friendly officer who gives you a 12-hour license suspension or, if warranted, a free pass to the Crowbar Hotel.

Causing an accident by getting behind the wheel when you are impaired is bad at any time of year, but is especially unthinkable during the Christmas season. We should all be celebrating. If you plan to drink, plan for a designated driver or arrange for alternate transportation.

There is no excuse for causing unnecessary grief.

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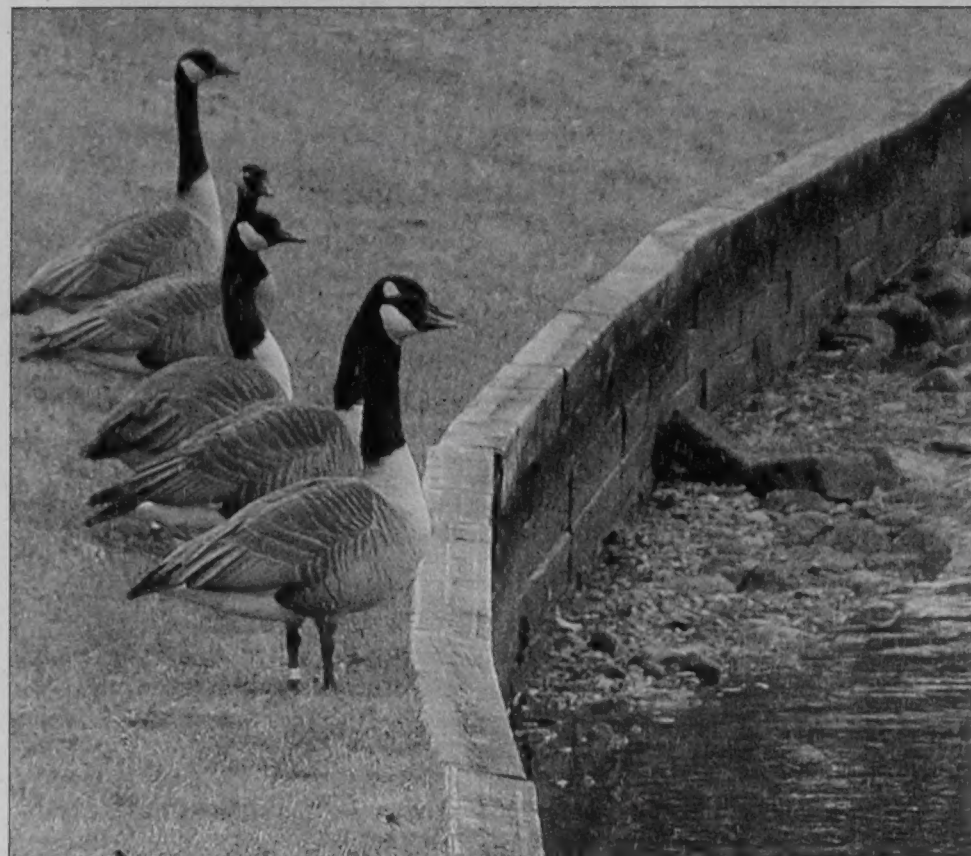
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Which way do we go?

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Supports healthcare plan

To the Editor:

Hon. George Smitherman, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care needs to be congratulated for taking a decisive step in creating Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) throughout the province of Ontario. He has demonstrated his commitment to improve the healthcare system because we, Ontarians deserve the best health care.

Despite of many previous attempts to integrate services at the local levels, the healthcare system still remains fragmented and dominated by silos. These silos have created a maze of services which are not only costly but confusing and unfriendly to the very people for whom they exist.

Although there are many unknowns about LHIN's and how it will be implemented, the Canadian Mental Health Association supports the goal of transforming the healthcare sector into a system which prioritizes responding to local needs through patient centred, seamless service.

It is envisioned that the Local Health Integration Network is designed to engage communities in a health system transformation by enhancing and supporting local capacity to plan, coordinate, integrate and fund the delivery of health services at the community level. While LHIN promises to coordinate, it assures that the existing provider organizations will continue to be relied upon to deliver services.

Mental health and addiction care has long been the orphan child of the healthcare system. As a result, we are encouraged with the government's acknowledgement of the critical role that the community based mental health services play within the overall healthcare system. We are

pleased that the Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care continues to champion the needs of people experiencing mental illness and addiction issues.

As a partner in the health are transformation agenda, I would like to urge the government to ensure that:

- mental health and addiction remain integral to a transformed system;
- consumers of the mental health system and their families continue to remain at the centre of the transformation agenda and involved in all aspects of planning, decision making, implementation and service delivery;
- access to housing, income, employment and social supports (as provided by the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association) are considered critical to treatment and recovery. Without investment in these areas, the governments' transformation agenda cannot fully address the mental health needs of Ontarians; and
- accountability relationships must occur horizontally among organizations as well as vertically between consumers, families, service providers and government.

LHIN's must plan and fund service based on population needs, respond to local communities and be able to address the needs of diverse communities and marginalized groups.

As volunteer leaders in the field of community mental health, we will continue to support the Minister and we will continue to work with his team in ensuring that his transformation agenda is implemented.

Pat Dunn, President
Canadian Mental Health Association
Lindsay

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Timing is everything

Whoops! I did it again. Yes, last week, for the fourth consecutive year, I've failed to mention the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. Even worse, I wrote a column on the joys of shopping for a new gun. No disrespect was intended; blame it on my poor sense of timing. Blame it on the excitement stemming from the fact that our incredibly expensive federal firearms bureaucracy finally processed my permit. Blame it on the fact that most men do not remember anniversaries – no matter how sad or sacred.

Still, it's funny how these two things, one lawful and the other incredibly lawless, are ultimately related.

You see, it was Lepine's insane act of brutality and misogynistic terrorism that ultimately led to the bureaucracy of which I speak. Because of him, a billion dollars has been spent on firearms control. Because of him, millions of ordinary law-abiding Canadians have had to give up a little more of their precious freedom and privacy.

But let's get past that. I don't think it's appropriate or tasteful to use this horri-

cally unfortunate incident as the cornerstone for furthering a political agenda, although too many groups routinely do.

For one thing, I don't believe those young women are the martyrs that they are commonly portrayed as. Martyrdom infers that they were willing participants to further a cause. And we all know they were not. They were simply young victims of a heinous and incredibly rare crime. They suffered and so do those who remember them still.

Instead of martyrs, I'd like to believe that those women were pioneers who worked hard to achieve their rightful place in that school. I'd like to think that they were too busy, bright, and ambitious to carry the chip on their shoulders that so many feminists do today. I'd like to think that they were filled with a supreme confidence that told them they were every bit as good as their male counterparts. I'd also like to think that

their male counterparts, aside from the one despicable villain, accepted them all the more for that.

Lastly, I'd also like to put forth the simple notion that the overwhelming majority of Canadian men have absolutely nothing in common with Mark Lepine.

To us, he's nothing more than a pathetic, cold-blooded killer and we've all been smeared by the blood he's shed. I feel it each and every year right around this time. If you're a man, it's hard not to feel it, each time you read a quote pulled out of a candle-light vigil.

And, personally, I resent it.

That's because most men I know, myself included, have never committed, or even considered an act of violence against a woman; moreover, we abhor the thought. Most of us are hard-working family men who respect, love and cherish our sisters, wives, mothers and daughters. Most believe that any

woman has the right to go as far in any profession as ability and ambition allows – in fact we insist on this for our daughters. Most have, at one time or another, committed quiet, unsung acts in the defence of women.

All of these ideals were sadly lacking in Lepine.

Of course, we're not perfect. Most of us too, have also uttered a dirty joke, ogled a woman, said inappropriate or disrespectful things, fumbled our way through sexist remarks, visited the wrong website, read the wrong magazine and, perhaps even unwittingly dismissed talent based solely on gender. Those who say differently are common liars.

These, less than noble things, are also a part every man. But it's neither wise nor fair to define us by the baser parts of our nature. And that is precisely what happens each year at this time.

By that one horrific act we've all lost so much. In many ways, we've been held up beside the madman for the last 15 years. The problem is, in all that time, no one seems to have noticed the differences.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

The moose foot

The Brown Dog Jiggs is incarcerated, locked up in his crate on the other side of the bed from the desk on which this column is being written.

He is doing penance, taking a time-out, settling his nerves and the nerves of his master, curled up behind bars, waiting for a little bit of action.

Where he would like to be is outside, gnawing on the moose foot he captured last week. The hooves are gone and so are most of the toes they were attached to.

All that is left is a little bit of flesh and leg bone that looks more like a turkey drumstick with hair than something that once helped hold up half a ton of moose.

Jiggs is obsessed with the foot. Our long morning walks have been ending with me finding myself alone and going back to find him curled up in the snow, chewing away hair and skin and little bits of hoof.

The Brown Dog couldn't be more proud. Somehow he has decided that he once stalked the foot, wrestled it to the ground and then killed it.

Though even moose foot remains are a considerable burden for a collie, he struts with it like a drum major. Sometimes he breaks into a running

strut, if there is such a thing.

Jiggs found the foot somewhere near the front of my property. Less than a foot of leg bone was attached, the flesh and marrow still red with blood.

If we accept the fact that he didn't actually remove the foot from the moose himself, how it came to be in our neighbourhood is a mystery no hunter I have talked to can explain.

Moose are shot from time to time in the vicinity of Sapsucker Ridge, but none I know of this year. A hunter discarding waste parts would lop off the whole leg, not just the foot.

The leg bone had a jagged end when Jiggs first brought it home. Both Jiggs and I would prefer to think there is nothing in the neighbourhood with jaws capable of snapping a moose leg, dead or alive.

If there were such a creature, why would he not leave the leg intact and eat the foot where he found it? And why

would an animal trying to make a living on Sapsucker Ridge waste so much energy on something that, essentially, is inedible.

For Jiggs, the foot is more a hobby than a meal.

His days are divided into three parts. One part is devoted to transforming hoof and flesh into edible bits. A second part is spent on dreams of his adventures with the foot that end with him barking himself awake.

The rest of his days are filled with anguish, a desperate yearning to get through the cabin door that keeps him and the foot apart. He is almost frantic, pacing from room to room like a dog with a bladder problem.

It is the pacing that got him put in jail, where he pretends to be filled with remorse while he finishes out his sentence, which should end about the same time this column does.

The winter came just in time for Jiggs and me. It came so late we have no excus-

es for not being ready for it and so we are, more or less.

With the black bears safely put to bed, the bird feeder went up this week and customers lined up as soon as it opened. Word of a newly-filled feeder travels as quickly as gossip at a bake sale.

Chickadees and a nuthatch swoop by the window that lights my keyboard, and a woodpecker, hairy or downy, hammers on a tree outside.

Except for one small upgrade that awaits a tradesman, the sugar shack is ready for spring – boxes of new bottles filling the shelves, just waiting for the March deluge. We have the hall all decorated for a dance that is three months away.

The Brown Dog is pressing me hard to get into winter walking condition. We walk for miles each autumn morning until we imagine we are in some kind of shape and then we stumble through the first mile or so of crusted snow and know we have to start all over again.

It is the human who keeps flagging. When the snow gets deep, Jiggs, who wandered aimlessly through the autumn woods, follows loyally in his master's footsteps.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

More 911 numbering woes

To the Editor:

We read with great interest the letter you published in the paper Dec. 3rd from Betty Henderson on her problems with getting her 911 number allocated and erected.

We too have no number up and our story is identical and have called the 911 office many times over the past year to no avail and had to bite our tongues over the flippant condescending tone of the

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

person at the other end of the phone!

Other properties on our road had their numbers up a year ago.

Of particular fascination is the number allocated to us per their letter Sept 28 is 1017! Maybe this is ok – who are we to know? – just being the only permanent

resident on the road.

One can only have faith that at the end of the day all will be well and we can dwell here safe in the knowledge that we are a part of the great and glorious 911 system.

Good luck to you Betty, methinks we may need it.

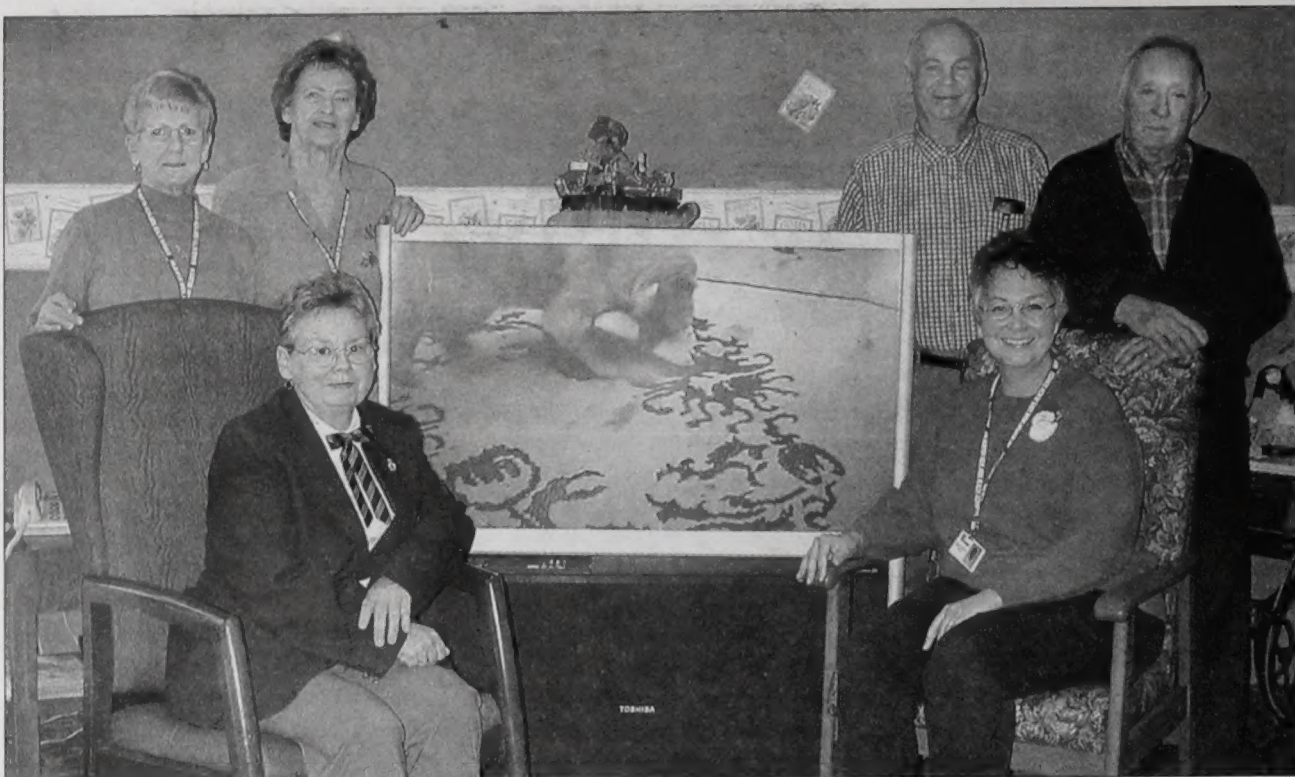
John and Gill Smith
Roost Trail

Hall open

To the Editor

Recently you printed the account of our Gelert Hall being closed. It is time for everyone to know that the immediate reason for the closure has been looked after. There is a new oil tank and oils so it is warm. Like everyone else in rural Ontario, we are considering what to do about water problems. For bookings, please call Mrs. Dorothy McElwain 286-1277.

Marion Sedgwick
Minden



New TVs for Hyland Crest:

When Katrina Shaddock, a facilitator at Hyland Crest, petitioned local organizations to help raise money for two brand new 51" Toshiba flatscreen T.V.'s for the Hyland Crest long-term care facility in Minden, Club 35 members pitched in to help. Shown with one of the new televisions are, back row from left: Winn Taylor and Corinne Arsenault from the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, Stan Dutka and Garth Windsor from Club 35. Front row: Barb Callaghan, Vice-President of Minden Legion's Ladies Auxiliary, and Katrina Shaddock, facilitator at Hyland Resident's Council. The project also received private donations from Ken and Isobel Britain, Betty and Gerald Hicks, Eileen Hughes, Bruce Nesbitt, and Bill Mosely.

Here's an idea for a lifesaving gift: a CPR course

St. John Ambulance has a Christmas gift for sale that could give the gift of life to the person you love the most.

The service locally based in Fenelon Falls is suggesting people considering give a gift certificate for a CPR course. Statistics show that people who have a heart attack at home have a greater chance of survival if someone performs CPR before the ambulance arrives.

Judy Dickson, branch chair, says they often provide

courses in Haliburton and offer all levels of CPR training.

"We feel that most people should know CPR because you never know when the life you save might be that of a loved one or a neighbour," says Dickson.

The service also offers a course for those physically unable to perform CPR that teaches them how to direct others to perform the life saving service. For more information please call St. John Ambulance at 705 887-4382.

November was a fair and pleasant month, weather statistics show

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

November: After a fair and pleasant month we finally got snow and poor weather Nov. 20 and 21. Only 2 cm. (1 in) of snow was recorded for the whole month. The area experienced the usual rain; which was not much compared to last November. The average temperature for the month was 1.4 C (35.7 F), slightly cooler than last Nov.

Trivia: 10 cm. of snow equals 10 mm. of rain, 1 inch of rain is 24 mm.

Average high:	6.4 C	43.5 F
Average low:	-2.5 C	27.5 F
Average for the month:	1.4 C	34.5 F
Average for last November:	2.1 C	35.7 F
Highest temperature: Nov. 7:	12.5 C	54.5 F
Lowest temperature: Nov. 28:	-11.5 C	11.3 F
Rain:	57.6 C	2.2 in.
Snow:	2 cm	7 in.
Total Precipitation:	59.6 mm	2.9 in.
Total precipitation for last November:	137.4 mm.	5.4 in.

River Temperature: not noted

Snow on Ground Last November 30: 12 cm., 4.7 in.

Total Snowfall Nov. 1 to Nov 30: 2 cm., 1 in.

Days mostly sunny: 10

Days with snow or rain: 11

Days with thunderstorms: 0

Days with freezing rain: 1

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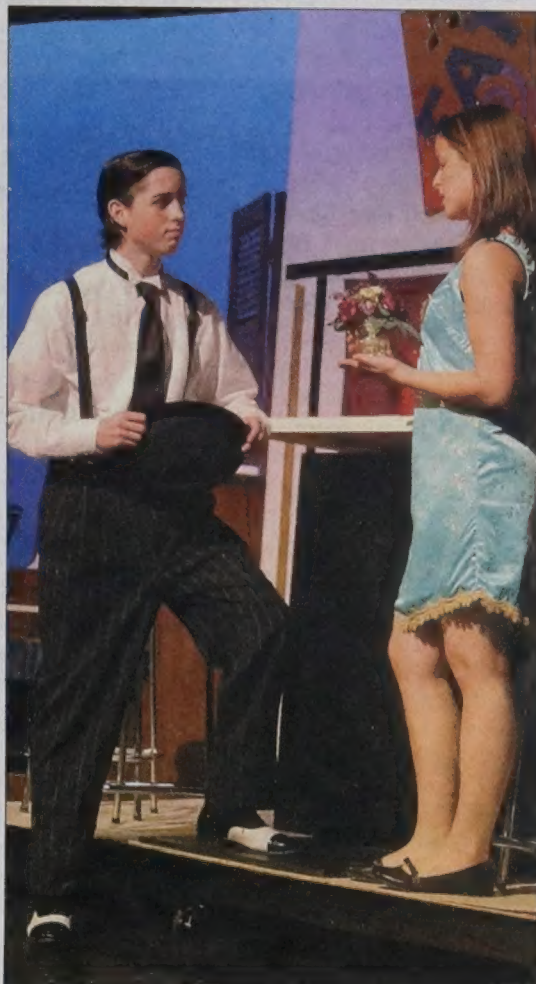
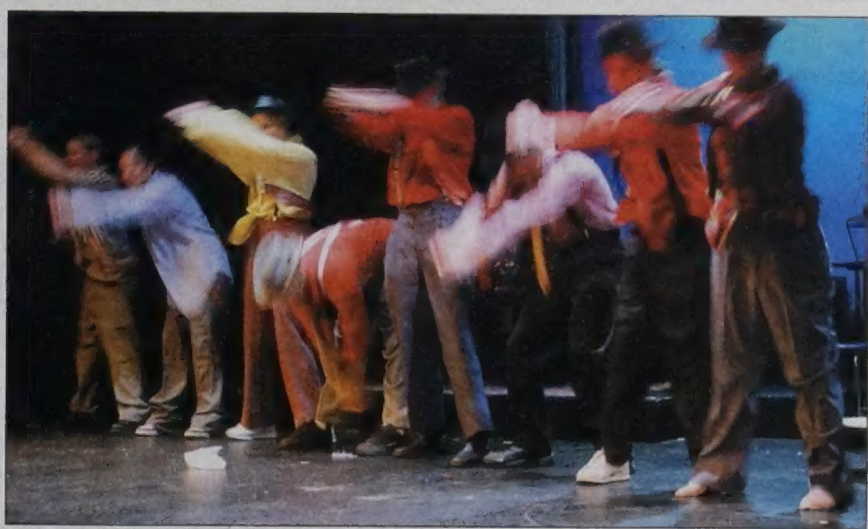
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Whipper-snappers stage Bugsy Malone Jr.



Photos
by
Darren Lum



The HHSS Grade 11/12 students staged a production of Bugsy Malone Jr. It ran Dec. 8/9 at the Performing Arts Pavilion in front of packed crowds. This romantic-comedy is set in the 1930s of New York and describes how Bugsy helps legendary Fat Sam Stacetto and how he wins Blousey's heart-- a country girl seeking fame as a singer. Directed by Adam Perecko.

Top: Dandy Dan, a mob boss as played by Tyson Farrell, speaks to his gang before their raid on Fat Sam's speakeasy.

Left: Bugsy Malone Jr., played by Benton Brown, presents flowers to Blousey, as portrayed by Jade MacInnes, for an apologetic gesture.

Far Left: Dancers are a blur of colours.

Top left: Yonkers, as played by Ashley Sharpe, sings to Bugsy in the early part of the play.

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Good Food Box delivers healthy fruit and vegetables...even during winter

Fresh vegetables and fruits contained in the Good Food Box will continue to be available during the winter months to residents of Haliburton County. That's good news for those who enjoy eating healthy foods and want to stretch their food dollars.

"Getting the goodness of fresh vegetables and fruit can be a little more costly during the colder weather," notes Paula Pepping, an organizer of the Good Food Box program. "With the Good Food Box, local residents can say hello to a good buy and continue to enjoy healthy foods at a reasonable price – even when there is snow on the ground."

Local residents can order a Good Food Box for \$15 each month and will receive a large box of fresh fruits and vegetables, recipes and cooking tips. Orders for a Good Food Box must be placed and paid for in cash by the 10th day of each month. Boxes are then delivered on the third Thursday of every month to pick-up points in Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Haliburton Village, Highland Grove, Kilmount, Lochlin/Gelert, Minden, West Guilford/Eagle Lake, and Wilberforce. People interested in ordering a Good Food Box can call Pepping at the YWCA at (705) 286-1942.

The Good Food Box initiative is coming up to its third anniversary in Haliburton County. The community project is run mainly by volunteers, but receives support through agencies such as YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton, the local Health Unit, Haliburton County Home Support Services and Health for Life.

Registered Dietitian Rosie Kadwell believes there is a

tremendous value in offering the Good Food Box program in this area. Kadwell says, "It's a win-win opportunity because people are eating healthier and they are getting great food at a good price."

Research shows that eating the recommended five to 10 servings of vegetables and fruit each day can help reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some types of cancer.

- The Good Food Box is a community project that is largely volunteer-driven. The program has been offered locally for almost three years.

What's in the Box?

- The contents of a box vary from month-to-month depending on the season. Here's a sample of what a box may contain: 5 lbs potatoes, 2 lbs onions, 2 lbs carrots, one squash, 2 lbs parsnips, one celery, one green pepper, bunch of green onions, one head lettuce, 3 lbs apples, a dozen oranges, five bananas, and two pears.

How much does a Good Food Box cost?

- A box costs \$15 per family.

What's the deadline for ordering a Good Food Box?

- To order a Good Food Box, orders must be placed and paid for by the 10th day of the month. Boxes are then delivered to communities across Haliburton County on the third Thursday of each month.

How do you order a Good Food Box?

- Call Paula Pepping at (705) 286-1942, ext. 10, for more information.

Quit smoking 2005 contest gives added incentive for smokers to kick the habit

A provincial contest that encourages smokers to quit is good news for local residents who have Ontario's highest rate of exposure to second-hand smoke in homes.

Health for Life is welcoming the launch of the Ontario Quit Smoking 2005 Contest as an opportunity for smokers in Haliburton County to win a new car and – just as importantly – clear the air in their home and community.

"On its own, giving up smoking brings so many health benefits to you, your family and community. The Quit Smoking 2005 Contest is just an added incentive for smokers to kick the tobacco habit for good," says Anne-Marie Cyr, a Public Health Nurse with Health for Life in Haliburton County.

The Quit Smoking 2005 Contest challenges daily smokers who are 19 years of age and older to butt out by February 1, 2005 and stay smoke-free for one month. People who are up to the challenge can win a brand-new Ford Mustang or one of seven Sony home theatre surround sound systems. Anyone who enters is asked to choose a buddy to help them stay smoke-free. The buddy stands to win a cash prize as well.

People can enter the Quit Smoking 2005 Contest by visiting www.quitsmokingontario.ca or picking up a registration form at any local health unit office. The deadline to register for the contest is January 31, 2005.

Cyr is issuing a challenge to local smokers to enter the contest, noting the community has a long way to go in protecting people from second-hand smoke. She cites the Canadian Community Health Survey for 2003, in which Statistics Canada found 15.8 percent of residents (ages 12 and over) in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and City of Kawartha Lakes were exposed to second-hand smoke at home. The local percentage was the highest of all health regions in Ontario, Cyr notes.

Preparation is the key to quitting smoking. For that reason, smokers are encouraged to call their local Health Unit office for tips and resources on staying smoke-free.

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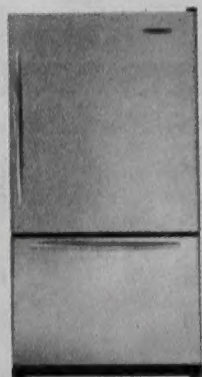
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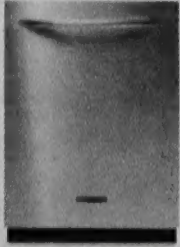
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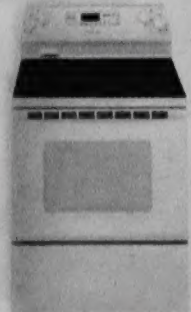
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Algonquin Highlands hopes to buy its own recycling bins

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

(The following are brief highlights of items discussed at the Dec. 2 Algonquin Highlands Council Meeting)

CAO Gerald Bain said the township will be pursuing funding opportunities offered by the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF). Both the government of Ontario and the federal government are expected to contribute up to \$298 million to the fund, which targets rural and small urban communities with populations under 250,000. Combined with municipal investments, the fund may stimulate \$900 million of capital investments across the province over the next 5 years.

There will be three separate application intakes during 2005. Each intake phase identifies particular projects that qualify for funding. Municipalities will be eligible to submit one funding application with each phase for a specified community investment. The first deadline is Jan. 10.

"With the holidays this month, it doesn't leave us much time. But I think we can put a business plan together with respect to the purchase of 40-yard recycling bins at our landfill."

The township currently rents a dozen bins on a monthly basis at what Bain calls a "high cost" to the municipality. He suggests purchasing 18 bins with spring-loaded tops to increase service to the

community, along with improving the ramps for the landfill bins. The bins are estimated to cost a total of \$147,000, with the municipality responsible for covering a third of the bill.

Bain will be drafting a business plan over the next couple of weeks.

Oxtongue closed

Algonquin Highlands Council approved a motion to close the Oxtongue community centre from Dec. 1 to May 1 every year until further notice. The decision was made because the facility is rarely used in the winter months. "It's just the lack of use and us having to send someone that distance to test the water when it's not being used," said Reeve Harrison.

Royal thank-you

The Minden Legion expressed gratitude to council for its participation in "Pilot of the Month" and for its pledge to continue throughout 2005. Each month, the legion has been drawing two winners who are eligible for a free plane ride. The offer was arranged by airport manager John Packer in conjunction with some local pilots.

Equipment surplus

Council accepted bids from Ross Warburton on all three vehicles the township had for sale. Included in the sale was a 1992 International Truck (\$8551.51), a 1975 Caterpillar 941B Traxcavator (\$1001.51), and a 1973 F75 Ford Fire Truck (\$1001.51).

Water testing deadline extension will delay spending

Algonquin Highlands Council has agreed to suspend water testing on eligible municipal facilities for the duration of 2006. The decision was made after the Ministry of Environment (MOE) extended compliance deadlines regarding Bill 170, a provincial piece of legislation that requires stringent upgrades to public water systems.

Though the MOE extensions did not directly affect the municipality — it already completed the upgrades this past spring — it did raise the question of whether council should fork out thousands of dollars in testing for facilities that are not yet mandated to do so.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that, even though the expected \$12,000 in savings are not huge, she sees no reason for the township to incur an unnecessary expense. "We were a progressive municipality and we got everything ready to go, and now we're in a way being penalized because they extended the deadlines."

Because the MOE has stipulated any public building that serves food must have its water analyzed, facilities such as Club 35, the Stanhope Community Centre and the Dorset Recreation Centre will continue with the weekly testing. Meanwhile, facilities such as the airport, the library and the township building

itself will cease testing as of the new year.

Council has been conducting weekly tests on the water all year and results have been good. There were a few adverse tests at the airport and Club 35 but they related to the HPC content and were not a threat to water quality.

"Certainly each of the facilities that have been tested were previously used for many years without any negative impact on the water. There hasn't been anything this year in the testing processes to suggest that it would be critical to continue to test," said CAO Gerald Bain at a previous council meeting. "Those facilities were all right without the upgrades, so they should be better with the upgrades."

The MOE formed an advisory council this past spring to gather opinions from across the province concerning Bill 170. Council feels the deadlines are delayed due because the government is unsure of the practicality of the water policies. With the possibility of deadlines being extended yet again, or changes to the regulations a real possibility, the township feels it more prudent to bide its time.

"Who knows what will come down between now and [the deadlines]? As far as that is concerned, I don't think anything is carved in stone yet," said Harrison.

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Grandfather and the honey tree

A story from *Whispering Pines*
by John Hulbig

When great-grandfather reached 18 years of age and great-grandmother had become sixteen,

they were married in a quaint little church, that was built on an elevation overlooking a fine old Teutonic section of rolling hills.

They left Prussia in Germany and, by sailing boat, they set sail for Canada. They sailed up the St. Lawrence River into Lake Ontario and disembarked at Port Hope. Here they boarded a horse-drawn stage bound for Peterborough, and then to Bobcaygeon.

After shopping for a day or two in this bustling frontier town, they rode on the stage to Minden where even more primitive conditions existed.

They canoed down the Gull (Pig) River for some two miles until they came to Lots 4 + 5, Concession 14.

As these were Crown lots, and were open for settlement, they paddled to the shore and put up their canvas tent. At last they had arrived on their "Promised Land" in Lutterworth Township.

They cleared a piece of land in the woods and built a cedar log cabin on the Gull (Pig) River, about two miles up-river from Gull Lake.

One day, great-grandfather was sitting

beside the stone fireplace whittling an axe handle from a length of rock elm whose fibers were tinged with indigo. Great-grandmother said to John,

"We have no meat for dinner. It would be nice if you could take some time off working on our fallow and shoot us a deer."

John stroked his beard and said "Well, Louisa, I would like to go for a hunt but I have only enough gun powder left for one shot from my rifle."

"There is no use going hunting until the big birch bark freighter canoe comes to the trading post at the mouth of the river with more powder and trading goods."

"Well," said Louisa, "why not take the bird net to the lake and catch some wild geese?" The geese were migrating in great numbers and feeding often on Gull Lake.

"Well, Louisa, maybe I can do that tomorrow. I will take the gun with the one load of powder in case I meet an angry bear, the net and the axe."

"While I am at the lake I will fell that big hollow basswood tree near the mouth of the river. We need a new corn meal barrel, so I will chop off a piece of the trunk."

Very early next morning great-grandfather

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Why not give a *Whispering Pines* book during the Christmas season? There are now three books to choose from, written and published by John S. Hulbig. All books are of pioneer Haliburton County stories. Books are available at his home on 6731 County Road 121, one mile south of Hwy. 35. The Lutterworth historian and author is currently working on his fourth book.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

The Frost Centre Working Committee is hereby soliciting proposals for consulting services to assist the Committee in their work to find a viable long term use for the former Leslie M. Frost Centre located in Haliburton County. The successful proponent will facilitate the consultation process, carry out research on behalf of the Committee and communicate with the public. It is anticipated the workload would require two days a week and extend for the period January to June 2005.

The successful proponent will have strong research, communication and writing skills, experience with public consultation and the ability to evaluate business proposals. Familiarity with the Frost Centre and a background in environmental education would be an asset.

All interested persons are encouraged to submit a proposal in accordance with the Request for Proposal. All proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. on December 17, 2004. The proposal should be addressed to Jim Wilson, CAO, County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. If hand delivered, deliver to 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Each submission must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following label: "Proposal for Frost Centre Working Committee Consultant".

No candidate will be accepted for consideration after the deadline specified above. The Committee appreciates all applications received, however only those applicants selected for interviews will be notified. The Frost Centre Working Committee reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Questions concerning this Request for Proposal may be addressed to the CAO's Office at 705-286-1333 Ext. 223.

Jim Wilson, CAO
County of Haliburton

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy legislation, applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used strictly for candidate selection.

'Head over heels plunged the bear to the rocks below where he died instantly and sprawled out as dead as a mackerel.'

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ther hitched old "Alec", the dappled grey horse, to the sturdy new jumper that Charley Thomas, a fine neighbour who had started homesteading on Lot 30, Concession A, Lutterworth had built for him.

Charley had peeled two small maple trees with a suitable crook at the big end for the runners. He had fastened them together using a two-inch auger to bore the holes and pieces of small ironwood trees for the posts and crossers. For the box, great-grandfather had brought him over some two-inch pine plank that he had cut in his little upright hand-powered sawmill. He made a long trip to Peterborough by canoe to purchase a special rip saw, so he could make a few boards.

Great-grandfather put the axe, the net and the gun on the jumper.

Then, sitting on the bird net, he drove down the crooked forest trail to Gull Lake. Great-grandfather unhitched old "Alec" and tied him to a sapling where he could reach lots of tender green grass.

He stretched out the bird net along the lakeshore, just where Hunter's Creek flows into the lake, and put a few handfuls of corn under it to tempt the fowls.

He then walked over to the hollow tree and felled it with his axe. He began to cut off a four-foot length for the corn meal barrel. He was no more than half finished when a terrific honking noise made him look up from his chopping. Back under the bird net, he saw dozens of wild geese gobbling down the corn. Hundreds of others were still coming. There was no time to lose. Great-grandfather threw down his axe and ran.

Frightened by his approach, the geese stuck their heads through the mesh of the net and attempted to fly. At first they couldn't for great-grandfather had fastened it down. But there were so many that they ripped the net loose and tried to fly the air with it.

Great-grandfather arrived just in time to seize one end of the net in his hands. He was swept off his feet and was carried far out over the lake but he hung on for dear life. As they rose higher, the geese circled back to the shore. Great-grandfather could see the trees below him. Then, suddenly, his neighbour's log cabin came in to view. There was Joe Harrison, busy building a wooden pump and gazing up at him.

He sailed over to Mr Weizes farm. Coming down the long driveway was the tax collector himself, carrying his large taxroll enclosed in a buckskin book bag. He was peering up at him, expecting the biblical bugles to blow at any moment.

The geese turned towards the river and there below him was his own cabin, in a little emerald green grass clearing. Beside the grapevine that extended from the back summer kitchen to a black spruce tree growing at the edge of the garden, Louisa was hanging out the clothes.

For a brief moment Louisa was astonished at the spectacle above. She scratched her head, wondering if she had been in some sort of trance.

His aged sow and her ten little ones, rooting for bracken roots, were all gazing up at him.

The geese made a sweeping turn over Henry Graham's swamp, then followed the river's shoreline. Great-grandfather could see the shimmering expanse of Gull Lake coming up to meet him.

As the geese flew over the steep ridge near the shore of the lake, great-grandfather's feet touched the top of a high old snag. He let go of the net instantly but his feet slipped and he fell into the hollow of the tree.

Down he fell. At last his feet touched something, but it was too soft.

He began to sink deeper into it. Deeper and deeper — up to his shoe tops, then up to his knees. He sank to his hips, then up to his waist. Slowly it closed around his shoulders, then into his whiskers, and up to his chin. Just as he thought he was disappearing altogether, his feet came to rest on a solid bottom. And there stood great-grandfather — up to his neck in wild honey.

All day he struggled vainly to extricate himself.

As evening approached he heard "scritch scratch, scritch scratch".

Looking up, great-grandfather saw the head of a big shaggy black bear. The bear was peering down, sniffing the delightful aroma of wild honey. The old bear was wise. He started to back down in the tree trunk so he could smear himself with the honey. He then intended to climb out and lick it off. Great-grandfather watched the stubby little black tail swishing from side to side, coming nearer and nearer.

The instant the bear came within reach, he snapped his jaws on it, clamped both his fists in the bear's fur, and belatedly, "Scat thee".

The terrified bear tore out of the tree trunk, dragging great-grandfather with him. Upon reaching the top the bear gathered his legs to jump, but great-grandfather had the presence of mind to give him a mighty shove. Head over heels plunged the bear to the rocks below where he died instantly and sprawled out as dead as a mackerel.

Great-grandfather started to slide down the trunk. He was so sticky with the honey, it took him an hour and a half to reach the ground, although the tree was no more than sixty feet tall.

Great-grandfather then went down to the shore to wash. As he knelt, he lost his balance and, being so stuck up with the honey, he was unable to save himself.

"Kersplash", head first into the lake he went. A large trout, in its fright, swam down the back of his neck and became tightly lodged in his shirt collar. Just as his head came out of the water, his collar button flew off and struck a partridge, which had hopped to an overhanging branch attracted by the commotion in the water.

Great-grandfather waded to shore and twisted off the neck of the stunned bird. He drew the trout from the back of his shirt. Then he proceeded to skin the bear, quarter him and hang the meat up in a suitable tree. As he finished this, he looked up and saw the net full of geese, entangled in the top of a long slender canoe birch. "Whack, whack, whack". After a few blows of the axe the tree fell. Very much to his surprise, the falling tree struck a deer standing in the thicket. The deer was so bewildered by the fluttering of the geese, he did not realize his own danger until it was too late.

Great-grandfather skinned the deer and chopped off the heads of two dozen geese trapped in the net.

By this time it was growing late so he went back and hitched up old "Alec". Great-grandfather tied the bear skin over the end of the section of the hollow tree to make a barrel. He put the barrel on the jumper and drove to the

honey tree. After chopping a small hole in the tree, he drained out a barrel of honey. He whistled and sang several songs while the barrel filled.

Great-grandfather then loaded the bear, the deer, the trout, the partridge, and all of the wild geese onto the jumper. As he opened his mouth to say "giddy up" to old "Alec" he heard a soft "whir-r-r" above his head.

"Now what can that be," great-grandfather asked himself. It was light enough to see that a wild turkey had lit on a branch above him. Before he could get his gun, another came and landed beside the first, then another and another until there were twelve in all. He stood right under them and fired straight up, using his last charge of gunpowder. The ball split the branch which caught the toes of seven wild turkeys as it snapped back. By the time great-grandfather had climbed the tree, chopped off the limb, and killed the turkeys, it was dark.

He started the horse for home but the great weight of the load broke the tugs. Great-grandfather had to cut the deer skin into strips to splice the tugs. Because there was no room for great-grandfather to ride, he had to walk and lead old "Alec". He could not see his hand in front of his face. He had to grope each step of the way along the trail. Meanwhile the rain began to fall. At length he arrived home only to find the deerskin tugs had stretched in the rain, leaving the jumper with its heavy load still sitting in the woods. In disgust he jerked off old "Alec's" harness and dropped it behind a huge pine stump.

Although he was very hungry, great-grandfather did not eat a bite, until he had stabled his horse in a comfortable stall and fed "Alec" ample portions of hay and oats, and a drink of clean spring water. Then he went for the supper that Louisa had prepared for him: fried potatoes well laced with wild leaks that great-grandmother had dug up in the sugar bush that very afternoon; several fresh hard-boiled brown eggs that had been laid by their flock of Plymouth Rock hens; a steaming roast pan full of baked beans, covered with ample strips of their home-made smoked bacon; and satisfying quantities of bread straight from the oven with fresh dairy butter.

Of course, there was a large pitcher full of delicious buttermilk with little chunks of yellow butter floating in the liquid sitting in front of him — his favourite beverage. For dessert Louisa had made a double whammy apple dumpling, smothered in thick cream from the morning milking. She had used a number of "Duchess" apples, picked from the Duchess apple trees which had just started to bear. All this was washed down with several cups of "Raspberry" tea, which they both enjoyed. After that they went straight to bed.

The warm rays of the morning sun awakened great-grandfather. From the window he could see that the sun was rapidly drying the deer skin tugs. As they dried, they shrank, and drew the jumper, honey and all right up to the cabin door.

Great-grandmother was delighted. She cooked the partridge for their "Sunday dinner". She fried the deer meat, and smoked the bear's hams. She salted down the trout and preserved all the turkeys and wild geese half-cooked in the fat of the bear. She made feather beds out of the goose feathers so that in the years to come all ten kids slept on feather ties.

— John Hulbig is a historian living near Minden.

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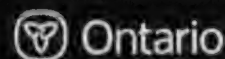
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Magazine mania



Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School held their magazine assembly last Friday afternoon in the gym. Staged events ranged from song and dance numbers to throwing pies at their principal. Students celebrated the \$25,000 raised by sales of magazine subscriptions, of which a third goes to the school itself. Grade 8 teacher Kathy Adams organized the fundraising campaign.

Top: Principal Rick Thorne, along with emcees Mitch Rea and Christianna Walker, got a face full of pie courtesy of the top magazines sellers.

Left: the top magazine sellers have reason to smile. Eleven-year-old Jesse Walker sold 39 magazines, twelve-year-old Kelsey Crowe sold 40, and eleven-year-old Owen Duhaime sold 32.

Above: students made each other beautiful during a blindfolded make-over contest. Photos by Lance Crossley.



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Red Hawks basketball lose

Red Hawks edged out at home by St. Peter's Saints



Darren Lum/TIMES

Red Hawks goalie Mike Lennox covers up the post against the St. Peter's Saints during their last home game on Monday, Dec. 6. Lennox made 20 saves in the 2 - 1 loss.

by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

HHSS 1
SPSS 2

The Red Hawks boys hockey team fell short of victory when the Saints came marching in.

It was a tug-of-war affair the Saints pulled out in Haliburton on Monday night, Dec. 6.

The game was a demonstration of skilled, disciplined, physical style of hockey between top teams. With a lack of space, primarily in the neutral zone, both teams were forced to dump and chase for the majority of the game.

Playing up in school size category, the AA Red Hawks were equal to the task, staying with the top-ranked AAA squad St. Peter Saints who entered play undefeated with one tie and five wins. HHSS entered with only one loss and one tie in an otherwise unblemished six game schedule.

Other than strong solo scoring opportunities in the first period neither team could find the net.

The Saints would break the deadlock with a little more than seven minutes left in the first period. After a nice save by Red Hawks goalie Mike Lennox the rebound bounced to the right of the net. Standing

there, wide open, a Saints forward pounced on the rebound and roofed it to the top of the net out of Lennox's outstretched glove.

Far from a perfect game, played by either team, both teams did not capitalize on the few mistakes committed. The game's lone goal stood up until the seven minute mark of the third period when Red Hawks winger Kevin Walker scored the equalizer.

While on the powerplay the Red Hawks centre Jesse Johnston came free from his check on the boards and sent a pass through the crease to an open Walker who directed the shot over the Saints' goalie glove.

Within a few seconds the Saints responded in kind, scoring on a slap shot taken a few feet inside the blueline telegraphed to the top right corner.

As the Red Hawks pressed for another equalizer a Red Hawks player was penalized with less than three minutes left in the game.

After a scoring chance on the penalty kill, the Red Hawks were caught pinching. It gave a Saints' forward a clear breakaway who was stoned by Lennox to keep HHSS chances to alive.

At equal strength and the penalty killed off, the Red Hawks would pull their goalie, going with Walker, Johnston, Sean Keaney, Zach Joanu, Travis Walker and Josh Fick.

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Bowling results

Tuesday Afternoon League November 30

High Average: Ken Thompson 219; Lillian Mattsson 188
High Single: Ken Thompson 299; Lillian Mattsson 270
High Single HC: Ken Thompson 305; Tina Hadley 321

High Triple: Kenn Thompson 685; Tina Hadley 657
High Triple HC: Jim Finlay 728; Tina Hadley 822

Tuesday Night League November 30

High Average: Ken Thompson 216; Marlene Robinson 197

High Single: Ken Thompson 266; Clara Miscio 203.
High Single HC: Doug Nash 288; Clara Miscio 266
High Triple: Ken Thompson 700; Clara Miscio 560
High Triple HC: Ken Thompson 724; Clara Miscio 747

Wednesday Afternoon League December 1

High average: Ken Thompson 208; Carol Snow 175
High single: Ken Thompson 251; Vicky Ross 255
High single (handicap): Syd Lockhart 281; Vicky Ross 322
High triple: Ken Thompson 619; Vicky Ross 538
High triple (handicap): Syd Lockhart 690; Vicky Ross 739

Thursday Afternoon League

December 2
High average: Ken Thompson 249; Pearl Foster 186
High single: Ken Thompson 305; Pearl Foster 235
High Single (handicap): Bob

Webb 263; Pearl Foster 280
High Triple: Ken Thompson 748; Pearl Foster 558
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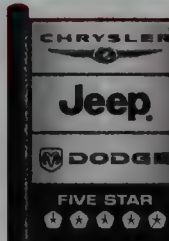
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Red Hawks take a hit

Falcons outplay HHSS in fourth quarter to win

by DARREN LUM
Times staff

HHSS 28
FFSS 42

A Red Hawks win against the Falcons at home was a quarter away on Wednesday night, Dec. 8.

The junior boys basketball team Head Coach Bart Harvey said the fourth quarter spelled the difference in the game.

"In the fourth quarter we got away from what was working," he said.

The team scored when it was passing into the key for easier looks and scoring on fastbreaks. By the fourth, he said, they were settling for jump shots on the outside and were intimidated when they did go inside.

"When we had the ball low [in the key] we were scared to go up strong," he said.

Even with the Falcons' centre, who is taller than 6'4" and is easily 200+ lb., Harvey believes his team should and can still take it strong to the hoop. It's now up to his team to do the same.

"It'll come," he said, adding a few players have never played basketball.

The team is enthusiastic and are a "coachable group" he adds.

Using their speed, mobility and quickness, the Red Hawks jumped out to an early four-point lead at the end of the first quarter. The momentum was clearly with the Red Hawks and the home crowd fans let them know it.

In the last two minutes of the quarter they generated a 6 - 0 run to erase a one bucket deficit. Red Hawks Kyle Meredith was a catalyst for the run, assisting on the first

four and completing the run with a layup to close out the quarter, 10 - 6. HHSS shot a strong 42 per cent in the quarter.

By the start of the second quarter the Red Hawks were still driving to the net. Hard drives gave the Red Hawks two trips to the free throw line and HHSS converted half to jump to a five point lead. Meredith added two more points on a fast break, extending the lead to seven points with a little more than five minutes left in the quarter. The Falcons responded with an 8 - 0 run sparked by strong rebounding for easy looks. They ended the half with a respectable 40 per cent field goal average and a two-point lead, 15 - 13.

In the third quarter it came down to who would miss less. Both teams had their chances from the field. The Red Hawks had 14 shots while the Falcons had 17 shots. Despite the numerous chances the combined quarter scoring was 16 points.

Unlike their first quarter the Falcons improved on their dismal 20 per cent field goal shooting to a dramatic 73 per cent turnaround in the fourth. It translated into the bulk of the 18 point quarter scoring.

In a reversal of roles the fourth was a stark improvement for the visitors, but for the Red Hawks it was the opposite. Staying mostly to the perimeter, the Red Hawks shooting went south. The Falcons seized the advantage and took a strangle hold on the game with a 12 - 0 run in less than two minutes. HHSS mustered only eight more points and lost 42 - 28.

The Red Hawks next game is on the road against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats on Wednesday, Dec. 15.



Darren Lum/TIMES

A Red Hawks player takes a charge inside the key during the first half of their game against the Fenelon Falls Falcons at home on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Note: Meredith led the Red Hawks scorers with 11 points while centre Josh Townsend pulled down eight rebounds followed by point guard James Allison's seven. Allison also finished with six steals.



Winners of the inaugural Dollo's IGA Master Men's Bonspiel were, left to right: Jack Debios, Dave MacKay, Ron Fevang and Glen August from the Lindsay Curling Club.

Minden Curling Club hosts inaugural Dollo's IGA Master Men's Bonspiel

The inaugural Dollo's IGA Master Men's Curling Bonspiel was a tremendous success, with 64 teams from as far as Huntsville, Bancroft, Port Hope and Beaverton competing. The bonspiel was held November 30 at the Minden Curling Club.

Organizers say everyone enjoyed an excellent day of good competition, camaraderie, a hot lunch and great

prizes, thanks to Dave Dollo and the IGA store.

Winner of the first draw was the Bancroft team of George Forsyth, Jim Sopha, Mel Hallin and Elwood Brough.

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Highland Storm Midget AEs split their home and away games

by MARY MACPHEE

Special to the Times

Mariposa 3 Highland Storm 2

The Highland Storm G.J. Burtch Construction Midget AE team took to the road on Thursday Dec. 1

to face Oakwood at 8:30 an exhibition game against Mariposa.

When the Storm played Mariposa on an earlier occasion that game ended with the Storm losing 9-2. This game was played extremely well and even with a 3-2 loss, the team played a great game. Unfortunately the game was called with 3:28 seconds left on the board due to curfew, final score 3-2 Mariposa.

Tim Pettit and Gavin Hicks each had a goal, Assists went to Mackie Campbell and Max Ambridge. Joel MacPhee was in net for the Storm for the first and second with J D Crowe taking over in the third period.

Highland Storm 4 Bracebridge 3

On Friday Dec. 3 the Highland Storm G.J. Burtch Construction Midget AE team took on the Bracebridge Bears in a 8:30 league game at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

On the Bench for the Storm were, Head Coach Jim Winn, Manager Bill Kulas, Assistant Coach, Brian Gallagher & Tony DeCarlo, Trainer Gary Smith.

The first goal of the first period went to Tyler Watson, assisted by Kenton McGann.

In the second period there were two goals fourteen

seconds apart goal at 7:53 was Tyler Watson's second goal of the night, then at 7:39 from the face off, Max Ambridge came in over the blue line, then went on the inside to put the puck over the goalies shoulder. Max's goal was by Patrick Prevost.

Kody Smith contributed strong defensive play to assist the Storm in taking the early lead. After two periods Highland Storm led 3-2. Bracebridge came back in the third period to tie the game 3-3.

With 2:43 seconds left on the clock Max Ambridge passed the puck to Billy Kulas at the point with a hard slapshot low at the net, Tim Pettit tipped the puck in to put one away for the win. Highland Storm 4 Bracebridge 3.

J.D. Crowe played in net for the first half of the game; Joel MacPhee came in for the second half. Great job by the whole team. The hard work and team effort is a pleasure for the fans to watch!

Note: A reminder of the Midget AE Silverstick Tournament held in Minden December 18th & 19th everyone welcome to come out and watch the games and support the team!

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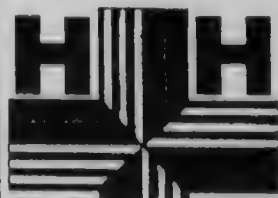
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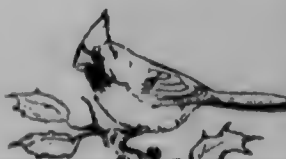
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Atom AE and PeeWee AE

Atom Division Teams

#1 Highland Storm, #2 Ennismore, #3 Lakefield, #4 Belleville, #5 Acton

#6 Mount Forest, #7 Lincoln, #8 Lindsay

PeeWee Division Teams

#1 Highland Storm, #2 Ennismore

#3 Lakefield, #4 Belleville, #5

Napane, #6 Tillsonberg, #7 Elmville, #8

Lindsay

Saturday Game Schedule is the same for both Divisions

Atom in Haliburton Arena and PeeWee in Minden Arena

8 a.m. #1 vs #2

12 p.m. #4 vs #1

4 p.m. #1 vs #3

Sunday Playoff Schedule at the Haliburton

Arena

8 a.m. Atom Semi-final

9.30 a.m. PeeWee Semi-final

11 a.m. Atom Semi-final

12.30 p.m. PeeWee Semi-final

2 p.m. Atom Championship**3.30 p.m. PeeWee Championship****NOTE:** The top two teams from each pool in each division advance to Sunday Playoffs.

Bantam AE and Midget AE

Schedule

Bantam Division Teams

#1 Highland Storm, #2 Caledonia, #3

Lakefield, #4 Huntsville, #5 New Hamburg,

#6 Glanbrook, #7 Fergus, #8 Brighton

Midget Division Teams

#1 Highland Storm, #2 Bracebridge, #3 New

Hamburg, #4 Prince Edward County, #5

Mariposa, #6 Ayr, #7 Brighton, #8 Waterford

Saturday game schedule is the same for

both divisions

Bantam in Haliburton arena and Midget in

Minden arena

8 a.m. #1 vs #2

12 p.m. #4 vs #1

4 p.m. #1 vs #3

Sunday playoff schedule at the Minden

Arena

8 a.m. Bantam semi-final

9.30 a.m. Midget semi-final

11 a.m. Bantam semi-final

12.30 p.m. Midget semi-final

2 p.m. Bantam Championship**3.30 p.m. Midget Championship****Note:** The top two teams from each pool in

each division advanced to the Sunday

playoffs.

No equalizer late in third

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As the time ticked away the Red Hawks were kept on the perimeter of the Saints' goal. They were forced to take long shots that were easily blocked. With a few seconds left in the period defenseman Fick managed the lone low shot that was cleared to the corner. The puck was held in the corner until the end of the game. The Saints remain undefeated through seven games.

The Saints outshot the Red Hawks 22 - 10, but a quarter of the shot total were taken from behind the blue line. Red Hawks goalie Lennox handled these with ease, but performed equally as well in close.

The Red Hawks next home game is against the Adam Scott Lions at the Dysart et al Arena at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 13.

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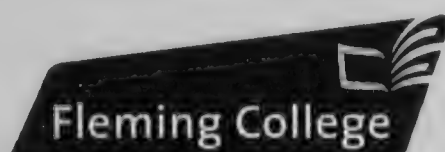
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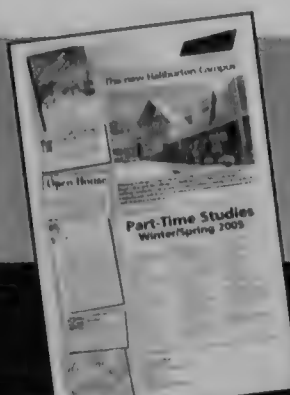
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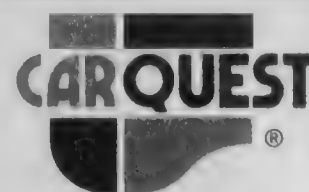
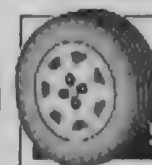
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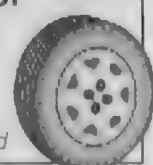
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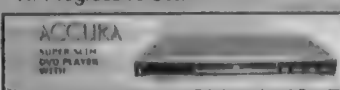
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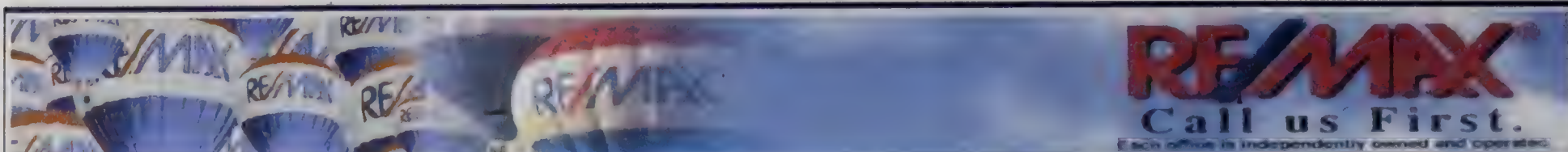
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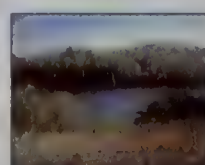
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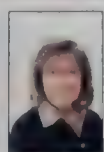
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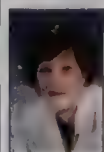
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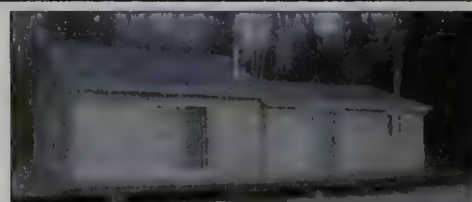
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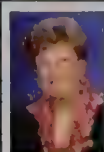
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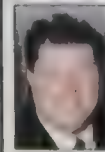
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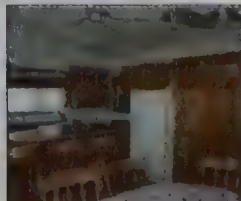
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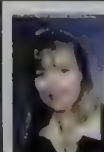
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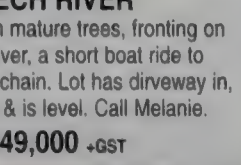
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Birders invited to take part in annual count

by DENNIS BARRY
Special to The Times

This year's wild food crop is somewhat better than last year but not abundant. Finch numbers reflect this, with small numbers of evening and pine grosbeaks, pine siskins and goldfinches around. They are visiting feeders but not necessarily regularly. Purple finches have mostly disappeared from Haliburton County.

The population of mice and voles has dropped dramatically but snowshoe hare numbers are still up. Ruffed Grouse numbers are down, no doubt due to the cool wet spring that reduced the survival rate of young. Expect hawk and owl numbers to be lower than last winter, although northern owls from the boreal forest have been moving south in large numbers, especially Great Grays.

Lower water levels with less current will allow faster ice formation if cold weather persists. This will affect lingering ducks, herons and kingfishers. The Gull River flowing through town may sometimes be reduced to a trickle, with extensive areas of exposed silt. Diving ducks such as mergansers and goldeneyes and puddle ducks such as mallards and blacks will have fewer areas to feed so both may be forced to move south sooner.

There are more blue jays around this year than last, perhaps due to a modest crop of acorns and beech nuts.

Occasionally gray jays show up along the Scotch Line West if someone puts out large hunks of fat to attract them.

Two species of gulls can be found in Haliburton County in summer. Both look very similar but the larger herring gulls have a heavier bill and pinkish legs. The smaller ring-billed gull has greenish-yellow legs and a bill with a black ring toward the tip. These are the gulls that hang around fast-food outlets looking for french fries. Ring-billed gulls usually disappear after the first significant snowfall. Some herring gulls will linger, at least around their nesting colony in Gull Lake, until the lakes freeze over. Rarely, an all white gull, without the black wing tips of herring gulls and ring-bills, will show up at one of the garbage dumps.

Over the past few years bald eagles have become regular late fall transients through the area. They stay as long as there is suitable open water where they can fish successfully.

Of course, every year brings surprises, whether it's an unusual visitor from far away coming to your feeder or a bird of summer that's lingered for some reason. That's the excitement of feeding and counting birds in winter. You never know what will show up.

This year's bird count takes place on Saturday, December 18. Birds seen on December 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21, are also important. While we're interested in

what birds you see on those other days, we can't include the numbers in our tally, since the count is a one-day snapshot of winter bird numbers in the area. You can help by joining one of the groups out counting on that date (call Ed Poropat at 457-3018), or by reporting the birds you see at your feeder and around your neighbourhood. If you have something really exciting, let us know right away, even before count day.

The count circle extends from Moore Falls in the southwest to Lochlin in the

northeast, from Irondale in the southeast to Bob Lake in the northwest and from Kinmount in the south to Mountain Lake in the north. Birds seen outside the count circle are of interest, but cannot be included in the official total.

Phone 286-1189 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on December 18, to report your sightings. Or send your results by e-mail to dbarry@interlinks.net or mail them to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd., Whitby, Ontario L1N 9Z7.

Barbershop group to entertain at community Christmas night

The third annual community Christmas evening is scheduled for Saturday, December 11 at the Dorset Recreation Centre at 7:30 p.m. It is an evening filled with music by The Muskoka Men of Song, and Christmas refreshments. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children and are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre and the Dorset Post Office. For more information, you can call Patricia at 766-0267. This event is hosted by the Lake of Bays parish, St. Mary Magdalene Church.

The Dorset Recreation Centre Community Access Program is pleased to announce the arrival of Carol Mowat to the program. Carol will be available to help you with all your computer needs Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call to book your free computer lesson today. Topics include how to turn a computer on, surf on the web, word processing and more. Call 766-9968 for more details or to book an appointment.

Don't miss the Dorset Good Food Box program for December - a way to stretch your food dollars and cash in on high quality fruits and vegetables.

Order your box by calling the Recreation Centre at 766-9968. Your \$15 payment is due by 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 8 (at the Rec Centre) and your box will be delivered to the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, December 16 for pick up between 5 and 9 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge, District Health Unit. All are welcome to participate. Minimum value of boxes is \$20 (and usually more). This service is available in most areas of the county.

The winter coats at the Dorset

Recreation Centre will be available until December 8, after which time whatever is left over will be donated to the Salvation Army. These coats are all donated and have been cleaned by Lindsay Dry Cleaners. They would make great play coats for winter fun activities. All are welcome to take a coat - mostly kids'

sizes but there are some adult ones too.

The next Dorset Seniors Friendship

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076

melalfano@hotmail.com

Luncheon at the Dorset Recreation Centre takes place on Thursday, December 9 at 12 noon. For more information or to reserve, please call Helen at 766-1517 or Donna at 789-0876.

The Dorset Recreation Committee is pleased to host the Tea & Travel - Christmas in Historic Williamsburg event at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Ken & Mildred Everest will share their exploration of Williamsburg, Virginia at Christmas time with an entertaining and delightful slide presentation. All are welcome and admission is \$2 per person. Coffee, tea and treats will be available for purchase. Tea & Travel takes place on Wednesday, December 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The next Family Movie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre takes place on Friday, December 17 at 7pm. Donations are gratefully accepted to support this program. Popcorn is free. Chips, pop and treats will be available for purchase.

Birthday wishes for December 5 to 11 go out to Weldon Tracey, Jackie Timbers, Donald McEachern, Hubert Blais, Bruce Friday, Janeen Byman, Randy Bates and Happy Anniversary to Marg and Charlie Schwab.

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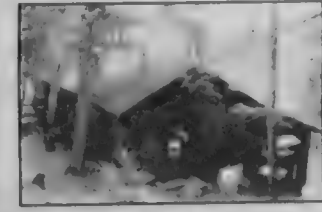


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Anthony Vanlieshout

Landowners can get low cost tree planting under newly announced plan

Trees Ontario (TO), through the Forest 2020 Program, is seeking Northern and Central Ontario landowners who want to have trees planted on their property during the spring of 2005.

To qualify, the area available for planting must be two hectares (roughly 5 acres) or more in size. The program will focus on planting abandoned and underutilized farmland which has been relatively tree-less for at least the past 12 years).

"Forest 2020 offers qualified landowners an approximately 75 per cent reduction in

the cost of planting and tending as well as technical support to ensure a successful planting," said Anne Koven of the Trees Ontario Foundation. "Our target is to plant 1200 hectares of land in Ontario this spring, focusing on abandoned or underutilized farmland."

TO, with Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service, Conservation Ontario, the Ontario Forestry Association and other partners, has launched the program that provides financial assistance to landowners for tree planting.

The TO program offer is available to private landowners, and is designed to encourage the planting of trees on underutilized lands at a fraction of the normal costs. The inexpensive planting will be undertaken in exchange for landowners maintaining and managing the trees for at least 15 years, and agreeing that any carbon credits associated with the trees planted will be applied towards reducing Canada's greenhouse gas emissions under Kyoto.

TO will provide to selected landowners:

- a site visit and assessment

- suitable trees
- site preparation
- professional planting of trees
- tending within the first year of planting.

Private landowners are encouraged to contact TO as soon as possible to reserve their trees for next year. The number of trees and species are limited.

For more information contact: Anne Koven or James Fieldhouse toll-free: 1-800-387-0790. Additional details can be found at the Trees Ontario Foundation website: www.treesontario.on.ca



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Christmas tree brings back fond memories

Decorations hung in 27 homes over the years always brought delight to grandchildren

Having vowed never to do it, we finally relented and bought an artificial tree, complete with lights, for the living room. The last few years of struggling through the wintry fields have ended in frustration when that chosen evergreen, so perfect in the summer sun, somehow had replaced itself with a "Charlie Brown" model.

This year I found myself considering not bothering to put up the second tree in the old section. With the fireplace lit and that tree aglow the old farmhouse is Christmas card perfect.

In the early seventies Bruce's Mom and Dad retired to Fenelon Falls. This was the 27th move made over their lifetime together, much spent in company towns, and the only house they ever owned. It proved a good choice. With every move Grandma would unpack her special Christmas decorations to hang on doors and windows, much to the delight of the grandchildren. Even in the last year on her own, and dealing with terminal illness, she still made that extra effort. If she could then so can I. Christmas Eve, second tree alight and fireplace aglow, I will toast her memory and her strength. If only I could equal her wonderful mincemeat pie; maybe next year.

If your organization has an event or project of interest to area residents and would like it to be considered for this column please forward the information to me by telephone, fax or email.

When holiday shopping please remember to choose a toy for the box under the Angel Trees here in Kinmount or in your home town. Donations of non-perishable food items are also needed to help area families not only during the holiday season but year round.

We enjoyed watching the Peterborough Santa Claus Parade on Chex TV; the floats were impressive and the hours of volunteer time and talent very evident. We even caught a glimpse of Dan from the Northwood Restaurant.

Santa Claus will arrive here in Kinmount on Sunday, December 12th at 2 p.m. thanks to the efforts of our Legion Branch 441 and the Committee for Planning and Economic Development. It is great to see so many young ones participating. Be sure to look at the protective new foundation under the historic Railroad Station when there.

At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace enjoy tax free shopping during the month of December. It is open during the winter months on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and also daily December 17th to 23rd.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Wednesday, December 1 bid euchre at

Stanhope: Tom Pearson, Sharon Evans, Garth Windsor, Bill Milford and Margaret Fletcher took the evening's moonshots. Leading the pinks was Jean Scadden 308 followed by our reporter Gala Stamp 279 with Sharon Evans 276 third. First for the white cards was Garth Windsor 283 then Chris Clarke in second spot at 272 and in third Alf Whyman 270.

Wednesday, December 1 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High lady Emily Harvie also won the special prize while Adam

Don Burch, Elva Paisley, Helen Luffman and Isobel Cherwenka while Pat Scadden, Elva Paisley, Edith Burch and Albert Foster took the draws. Thanks to Gala Stamp for this update.

Monday, December 6 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Holding the most lone hands was Tom Orr with Stan Dutka winning the baloney. The high score holders ladies/men were Linda Voycey and Leroy Mowat with Kay Orr and Tom Pearson recording the lows. Special prizes were awarded to Tom and Kay Orr along with

Single moonshots went to Vic Ballik, Libby St. Amand and Phyllis Windsor while Ida Young and Marg Viney each had two.

Taking home the special prize was our reporter Mildred St. Thomas.

Monday, December 6 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Lorna Hicks and Laura Carnegie with the afternoon's high scores recorded by Gala Stamp and Pearl Cowen. The lows went to Mabel Deacon and Bill Mosley who also won a special prize along with Marion Stickwood. New players receive a friendly welcome at the Friendship Club.

Tuesday, December 7 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Edith Burch led the scoring at 279 with Elli Langpohl a close second at 278 and Jim Irwin 271 third. Moonshots landed on Isobel Cherwenka, Elli Langpohl, Georgina Parkes, Kevin Maloney and George Bye while Pat Scadden, Sharon Evans, Thelma Francis and Kay Naylor took the draws.

Tuesday, December 7 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were four Slams two played by Ross Fletcher first with June Branning and then with Len McNeice. Muriel McIntosh partnered with Pearl Foster and Betty Dicker with Harold Cox took the others. Topping the scoring was Harold Cox 6310 followed by Ross Fletcher 6070, Muriel McIntosh 5150 and Betty Dicker 4920.

Diane Boll received the Shiny Penny and Harold Cox the "H.T.T.C." Award to loud cheers of "Hail To The Chief".

Tuesday, December 7 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Cards were cancelled due to weather conditions but will be back on deck in two weeks time.



AROUND THE TOWN

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Freeman took the high score for the men. Low scores were recorded by Roger Fournier and Ted Wilkins with Harold Harvie winning for most lone hands.

Wednesday, December 1 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system the top three pairs were Muriel McIntosh and Margo Davidson first at 56%, Doug McIntosh and Ross Fletcher second at 55% and Kelly Metcalf partnered with Bob Morrow at 53%.

Thursday, December 2 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In the lone hands column it was Pat Roussel and Don Burch with ladies/men's high scores recorded by Arla Pollard and Jim Bradbury. Gala Stamp and Don Hicks took the low scores while the other prizes went to Don Burch, Marcel Roussel, Bev Johnson, Bob Pollard and Marie Dennie.

Friday, December 3 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: In top spot was our reporter Doreen Francis. Pat Bailey won for most lone hands, Nick Boeckstyn for low hands and the draw went to Helen Skelding.

Friday, December 3 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: The moonshot quartet members were Percy Butler, Tom Macartney, Cliff Davison and Jean Randell with Peter Farr uncovering the hidden score. Taking the honours for the pinks was Marian Farr 277 with Jean Randell 243 second and Helen Windsor 238 third. For the white cards Cliff Davison was first at 263 with Tom Pearson next at 251 and Pat Scadden third at 246. Thanks to Mary Pearson for her report.

Friday, December 3 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Reet Murray and Bill Sandford were first at 65% with Muriel and Doug McIntosh next at 55%.

Saturday, December 4 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Ida Young had the high score of 315 with Isobel Cherwenka next at 298, Marcel Roussel 280 third and Helen Henderson fourth at 250. Moonshots landed on Ida Young,

Stan and Jean Dutka who, according to my source, were skunked by the Butlers.

Monday, December 6 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Our reporter Elaine Yeo was the winner for high hands with Iris Taylor taking lone hand honours, Michelle Redgrave low hands and Pat Bailey the special prize. As the season begins good wishes for a safe and happy holiday go out to all from the Social Club members at Staunworth Terrace.

Monday, December 6 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Topping the charts was Pat Roussel with Jean Scadden in the second high slot and George Bye third. The draws were won by Helen Luffman, George Bye and Gwen Cox.

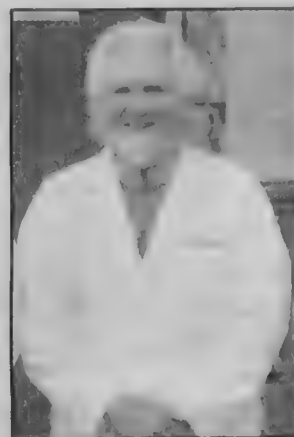
Monday, December 6 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Kay Naylor had the high score with Ida Young in second high.



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Tap Dancing Sam kicks off the season for Razzamataz Kids Shows

Dance fans young and old should mark their calendars for 2 p.m., Sunday, December 12 when William Orlowski, one of Canada's greatest tap dance artists, will perform in Haliburton at the Northern Lights Pavilion at the high school.

Orlowski is one of the founders of the National Tap Dance Company of Canada. He has won many awards for choreography, and has made numerous appearances on television, film and stage. His one-man show is an energetic and moving display of virtuoso tap dancing. But this is more than just a dance show. Orlowski knows how to use the rhythmic and narrative potential of dance and music to tell poignant and evocative stories about gender role stereotyping, inter-generational issues, peer pressure, conflict resolution and fulfilling the expectations of others.

Real boys don't dance -- they play football. Right? "Tap Dancing Sam" tells the story of Patrick, a 10-year-old torn between the expectations of his father, who wants him to be a football player, and his grandfather Sam, a former vaudeville star, who wants to encourage Patrick's gift for dancing. Patrick enjoys doing both, but finds himself caught in the middle trying to fulfill the ambitions of others, instead of deciding for himself. The dilemma becomes acute when Sam is seen dancing in the street -- to the cheers of some and to the derision of others. Patrick is embarrassed and when his father finds out he has been secretly taking dancing lessons from Sam, the problem explodes! While the story is intended for families with children 5 to 12, the show is a special opportunity for local dance fans to see one of the best dancers in Canada.

Tap dancing traces its roots to the ships of the slave trade, as African slaves were brought up on deck and ordered to exercise along with the European sailors. The result was a blend of the intricate footwork of step dancing with the African style of gliding, dragging or shuffling with the whole body flexible and at ease. Tap dance was most popular in the 1930s and 1940s, but has had a revival in the 1970s with the musical "No, No, Nanette." There are two local dance studios offering tap dance lessons for children and adults: Heritage Ballet and Haliburton Dance Arts.

A dance show of a very different kind will be presented in Haliburton in March, when the Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre comes to town. The Maori are the aboriginal people of Australia and New Zealand, and this company was formed in 1984 with the aim of revitalizing Maori culture while providing cultural, educational and employment opportunities for young Maori people. The show includes hand-crafted costumes, traditional Maori dances as well as selections from other island nations of Polynesia, and narration to help us understand the dances with information about language, lifestyles, beliefs and history.

And the other Razzamataz shows will be great, too. In January the Funky Mamas will come to play "Music for Families." Six mothers with 15 children between them have been performing together since 1988. These generous Mamas help kids feel comfortable to boogie down, giggle and sing along to their infectious tunes. Even better, reviewers emphasize that, unlike some children's performers, the Mamas play music that both parents and their children can enjoy.

Dufflebag Theatre returns to YMCA Camp Wanakita in April with "Peter Pan." If you saw their performance of "Beauty and the Beast" a few years ago, you will remember the magic they create on stage with four actors and some volunteers from the audience, and you'll want to be there again!

With a schedule this good, you will want to purchase a season pass for all four shows for \$20. Passes can be purchased at the first show, or in advance from Amy Klose at 457-4266. Single admission tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids. Children under 2 are free.

Here's the season at a glance:

Tap Dancin' Sam

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Sunday December 12, 2004,
2 p.m.
Northern Lights Pavilion

The Funky Mamas

Music for Families
Sunday January 9, 2005,
2 p.m.
Northern Lights Pavilion

People of the Pacific

Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre
Sunday March 6, 2005,
2 p.m.
Northern Lights Pavilion

Peter Pan

Presented by Dufflebag Theatre
Sunday April 10, 2005,
2 p.m.
YMCA Camp Wanakita

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- **December 12:** Santa Claus Parade, Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. Main Street, Kinmount. Sponsored by The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 441 & The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. For further information call 488-2635.
- **December 12:** Sunday, December 12, 7:00 p.m., Minden United Church is hosting a family and community Christmas song and carol evening at the Church, 21 Newcastle St. Come and enjoy an evening with friends, family and neighbours to welcome the season. Refreshments to follow.
- **December 12:** Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 12th at 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Minden. St. Paul's Choir, Guest Organist Elaine Bell, Highlands Brass Quintet. Refreshments following.
- **December 13:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton, Dec. 2004. We are holding informal support group meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Minden. Mon. Dec. 13, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Hyland Crest Meeting Classroom, Caring with Confidence. For more information please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **December 15:** Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-long" Lochlin Road off County Rd #1, Lochlin. Refreshments following: Hot Cider and Christmas Goodies. Donations to the Food Bank gratefully accepted.
- **December 16:** Christmas Party & Potluck Lunch, Thursday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us for Christmas crafts, music circle and a visit from Santa Claus! Please bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) for your child. Please sign up for the potluck lunch, OEYC will provide the ham and beverages.
- **December 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be meeting tonight. We wish all a merry Xmas and a happy holiday season. Our next meeting is Jan. 18/05 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge - Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **December:** Christmas Office Hours - Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area. The office would be close at noon on Friday, December 24 and remain closed on Monday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and re-open regular hours on Dec. 29 & 30 and close at noon on Dec. 31 and be closed January 3, 2005. The office would re-open for regular hours on Tuesday, January 4, 2005. The 2 satellite offices in Haliburton and Northumberland will notify people on their voicemail of other times they will be closed in between Christmas and New Years, but the 800 number will be available for people to call Peterborough for assistance.

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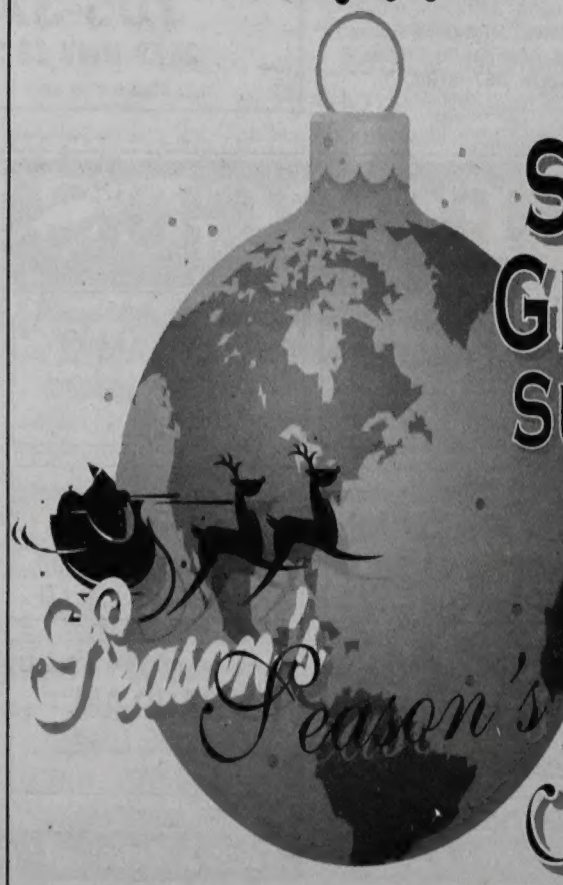
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FAGAN, LAURA (Resident of West Guilford, Ontario): Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday afternoon, December 6, 2004 in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late Garnet Fagan. Loving mother of Gloria (Gerald Wagg) & Joan McKay. Dear stepmother to Sally (Jack White), Linda Lewis and Sandra Crompton. Dear sister of Effie, Stella, Laverne, Mabel & Elaine. Predeceased by her daughters Caryl, Linda and her son Boyd, her stepsons Ted & Dennis Fagan and her sister Barbara. Fondly remembered by many grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, December 9, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday afternoon, December 10, 2004 at 3 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

GERALD ORVILLE SILVER
 Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, December 2, 2004. In his 77th year.

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NOEL WHITMORE GRIFFIN
 Passed away suddenly at home inn West Guilford on Sunday, December 5, 2004. At the age of 76.

Beloved husband of Theo Eileen Griffin (nee Simms). Dear father of Robert and Sandy, Neilson and Sheila, Dale and Rochelle, Chris, Brian and Kerriann, Terry and Sharon. Loving grandfather of Jerry and Denise, Brittany, Natalie, and Ian. Dear brother of Joan (Stan) Young, Wayne (Kit) Griffin. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Service in the chapel on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation will follow. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

STEWART, HAROLD "PINKY": Passed away peacefully on Friday, December 3, 2004. In his 74th year. He will be sadly missed by his wife June, son Neil, daughters Julie, Annie and grand daughters Sabine and Ella. The family will be holding a celebration of his life at the Royal Canadian Legion in Cobocok on Saturday, December 11, 2004 from 1 to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke foundation or The Diabetes Society would be appreciated by the family.

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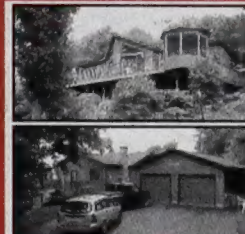
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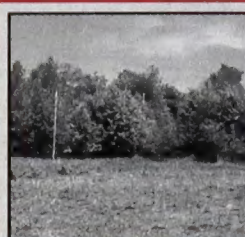
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Custom 4 BR home w/over 2000 sq. ft. of living space, pine cath. ceilings, 2-4 pc. baths, full fin. w/o bsmt. has fam. rm. w/airtight, a possible games rm., laundry & storage rm. Ground source heat with central air, landscaped, 2 car garage.
\$339,900

KENNIS LAKE
What a view of prestigious Kennis Lake. Algonquin type lot, deep water, deck & dock at water. 2 bdrm A frame cottage. Vendor used cottage this past winter, has winter water system but needs some upgrades to make fully winterized. Ideal for summer retreat or snowmobilers.
\$309,000

50 ACRES
Hardwood, mostly maple bush. Ideal for maple syrup, fairly high land. Very private. Hydro & well put in 15 yrs. ago. Vendor will consider taking a mortgage.
\$79,900


Feature of the Week

BUSINESS PROPERTY ON HWY 35, CARNARVON

Live next door to your business. 2 BR home, new carpet, plumbing, windows & roof. Commer. bldg, 3000 sq ft, new oil furnace, loading dock into storage. Hardwood flrs, sep office space, lg bsmt for storage. Lg paved yard. Zoning is C1 HC & res.

\$375,000

Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt > BLUE!) rubbing alcohol on paper towel.


KENNIS LAKE
Absolute privacy on 8 acres of property. 800 feet shoreline.
\$575,000

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290 ft sand. Sq. timber/ 2900 sq ft living space, 6 bdrms, 3 baths, hot tub, fireplace, double garage, loft. Level lot, 290 ft sand beach, SW exp. Privacy!
\$925,000

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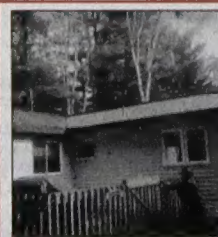
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2 bedroom home with sun room, garage, garbage pick up, snow removal. Water from a community well. Priced to sell at \$98,000. Call Grace.

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5 bedroom, 2 bath-rooms, separate dining, modern kitchen, level lot. A must see! Call Grace.
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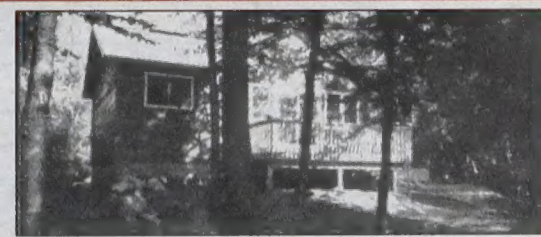
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MOORE LAKE
3 bedroom cottage/home completely renovated and ready to move in. Sand shoreline, private, level lot, garage and much more. Call for viewing. Only \$244,900. Your full time agent.
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Property on level lot, all streets paved. Snow plowing, garbage, water are included. 100A service. Well cared for home, very neat & well decorated. Close to Minden. Call Lindsay Elder.


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BIG BROTHER LAKE
Adjacent to Crown Land. New 3 BR home/cottage, featuring pine interior, cathedral pine ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, open concept, full basement, lg decks, steel roof, level lot, well treed, sunset view, overlooking rock & pine point of land, surrounded by Crown Land, very scenic & private. Miles of boating, 3 lake chain, year round road. Ask for Doug Johnson.
Asking \$309,000


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KENNIS LAKE
Cozy 3 BR cottage on Kennis Lk with south exposure & privacy. Recent renovations incl rafters, insulation, hydro & pine. Some hardwood floors. Mostly pine walls & ceiling, 4 pc bath, airtight woodstove. Nice sloping lot to rock shoreline w/deep water off dock.
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